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## Peres to Palme funeral today

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
 Prime Minister Peres is due to leave this morning for Sweden, where he will participate in the funeral of the late Swedish premier, Olof Palme. He will return tomorrow night.

The funeral ceremony will be attended by European and world leaders, including the prime minister of the Soviet Union and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. During his brief stay in Stockholm Peres is scheduled to meet West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, French President François Mitterrand, and other leaders.

## Israel not satisfied with 'report' on Ras Burka

By BENNY MORRIS  
 Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
 The Foreign Ministry yesterday expressed official dissatisfaction with the material Egypt submitted to Israel on Wednesday on the Ras Burka massacre and its aftermath.

Meanwhile, Israeli sources said that substantial progress had been made in the last two days of Taba and normalization talks in Herzliya, both with regard to facets of normalizing relations between the two countries and, in lesser measure, in formulating the *compromis*, the agreed document outlining the terms of reference of the Taba arbitration. The talks resume in Cairo next week.

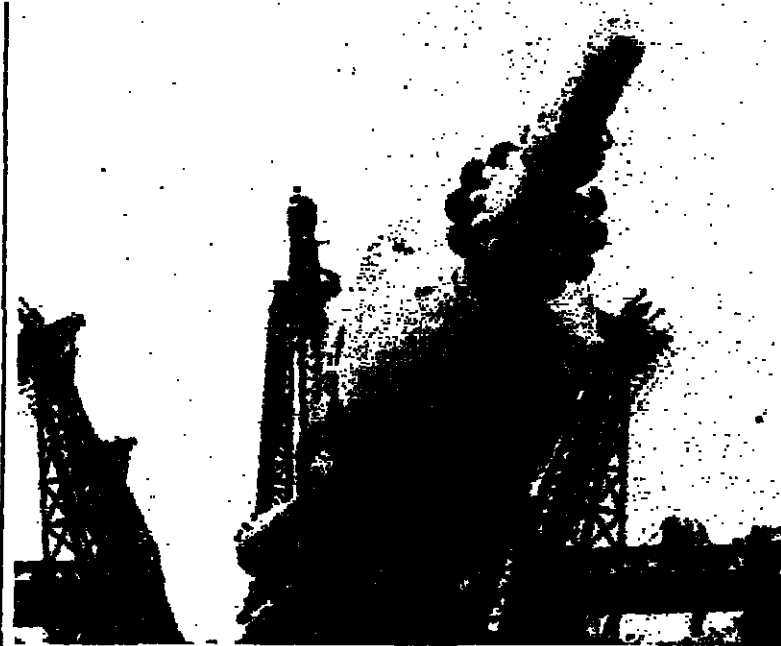
Foreign Ministry sources yesterday revealed that a fortnight ago at the last round of talks Egypt had handed the Israelis what they said was a "report" on the October 1985 massacre — which consisted of newspaper cuttings dealing with the massacre and the trial. Israel handed back the "report" and vigorously complained to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismat Abdel Meguid about the incident.

Wednesday's handover of material to Israel appears to have been the Egyptian response to the complaint.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said, "This is not the Ras Burka report Israel has been requesting" since the killing last October of seven Israeli tourists on a Sinai beach by an Egyptian security man. The material, handed over by the head of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry's consular department to the Israeli Embassy in Cairo, is now being studied and translated from Arabic into Hebrew.

According to the Foreign Ministry, the material consists of transcripts of the trial and the judgment handed down on Suleiman Khater, the security man convicted last December of the massacre.

Israel has consistently demanded detailed explanations of why other soldiers in Khater's unit did not stop him from killing the Israelis or detain his afterwards. Israel has also demanded an explanation as to why no medical aid was given to the casualties or why Israelis at the scene were prevented from helping the victims. (Continued on back page)



The Soviet Soyuz T-15 rocket is installed at its launching site at the Baikonur Space Centre. The rocket was launched yesterday with two cosmonauts aboard and will link up with the Mir space station tomorrow.

## Pakistan urges PLO to recognize Israel

BAHRAIN. — Pakistan's president Zia ul-Haq urged Palestinians yesterday to recognize Israel's right to exist.

In an interview given in Islamabad to Bahrain's English-language *Gulf Daily News*, the Pakistani leader said it is unrealistic to deny Israel's presence.

"You cannot say Israel doesn't exist. You have to face realities. But the Palestinians, whose homeland is now with someone else, must also

have a place to live.

He said "the Palestinian problem should be solved according to UN Resolution 242 of November 1967, which implicitly recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries."

Zia spoke of "Palestinian sacrifices" under Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and added that he favours "the plan that has been (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## U.S. unmoved by Soviet extension of test-ban

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The White House said yesterday it remains opposed to a ban on nuclear tests, despite the Soviet Union's extension on Wednesday of its unilateral seven-month-old moratorium on testing.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced that Moscow would continue its moratorium on tests until the U.S. carries out its first nuclear explosion. The moratorium had been scheduled to end on March 31.

Gorbachev, in a letter to six non-aligned nations, also called for im-

mediate efforts to draw up an international test-ban treaty.

The Reagan administration has expressed concern about what it sees as Soviet violations of the threshold Test Ban Treaty and the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty.

The White House spokesman told reporters: "Our position on nuclear testing has not changed.... The Soviets have made rapid gains in the balance, and it is necessary for us to conduct tests and our allies to conduct tests in the near future."

## Attempt to get warring Herut heads to make peace

By SARAH HONG  
 Post Political Correspondent  
 TEL AVIV. — An attempt is to be made today to get Herut's warring leaders together for a preliminary peace conference even though the wounds inflicted during the three-day party convention appeared very difficult to heal.

Levy camp sources told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the only peacemaking arrangement their faction would be willing to consider was one that would give the David Levy-Ariel Sharon alliance 56 per cent of seats in the party's central committee, with only 44 per cent going to Shamir's faction.

The Shamir side points out that, if anything, the contest in which Binyamin Ze'ev Begin, running on the Shamir ticket, lost to Ariel Sharon at the convention's mandates committee chairman indicates that the Shamir side has a majority. The young Begin came away with 46 per cent of the vote. This, it is said, can be seen as the rock bottom estimate of Shamir's strength. And since many of his people probably voted for Sharon out of sympathy for the underdog, the Shamir faction can be seen as controlling just over 50 per cent of the delegates at the aborted convention.

Moshe Arens (a leading figure on the Shamir side, and the man who was slated to stand against Levy for the chairmanship of the convention steering committee) and Sharon shook hands on TV yesterday in a symbolic gesture of goodwill. The handshake, at Arens's initiative, was perhaps the only move made yesterday to improve relations between the sides.

But Arens found it hard to refrain from continuing with the accusations after three sleepless nights of bitter quarrelling.

He accused the party's organization division, which has been under Levy's influence for the past seven years, of closing the branches to those who were not Levy supporters and of actively organizing the riots at the convention. Instead of being impartial, the division had taken sides and overseen the disturbances, Arens said.

David Levy's supporters likened (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Labour expects big changes in party line-ups

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
 Post Political Reporter  
 TEL AVIV. — Labour Party strategists believe that the political map could go through radical changes as a result of the virtual split that appeared in Herut during its convention this week.

Labour is said to have already begun unofficial contacts with other parties with an eye to exploiting the situation. Sources pointed to yesterday's statement by Agudat Yisrael leader MK Avraham Shapira, that a narrow government was preferable to early elections, as an indication of the effect that the Herut crisis could have on the smaller parties.

The political processes which could be influenced by the crisis are the proposed unity between Herut and the Liberal Party, and the previous unwillingness of the religious parties to enter into a narrow government with Labour.

The crisis has also renewed the pressure brought by several of his ministers on Prime Minister Peres to find a way of avoiding rotation. At a meeting of the Labour ministers on Wednesday night, the anti-rotationists argued that it would be irresponsible to hand over the premiership to Yitzhak Shamir when he does not have the support of his own party.

Participants said that Peres had reiterated his position that rotation must be implemented if all the other clauses of the coalition agreement were honoured.

## Economic chaos feared if elections are put forward

By SHLOMO MAOZ  
 Post Economic Editor  
 The success of the government's economic policy in the past eight months may turn into a passing episode if early elections are called this summer.

Government economic experts believe that if this week's tremors in

Most Labour ministers and MKs yesterday preferred not to comment on the Herut crisis. All gave the impression of business as usual in Labour, which is preparing for its own convention early next month.

Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baram said that the "problems of political norms" revealed at the convention were not confined to Herut, but were of concern to the entire country. The true state of affairs in Herut will become clear only once the dust has settled, he said.

Baram stressed that it was Shamir's own party, and not Labour, which had thrown Shamir's leadership into doubt.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said that the Herut crisis had proved the wisdom of Peres's wait-and-see attitude regarding the economic dispute with the Likud over economic growth. The prime minister's patience would eventually pay dividends, they said.

Ya'acov Friedler adds: Asked about the Herut convention in a meeting with Haifa journalists, Peres said, "I shall not preach to anybody, but I draw my own conclusions. Political life should be orderly and non-violent, with a modicum of respect."

"The test for a politician," said Peres, "is not to be provoked in a provocative atmosphere. We must remember that the people are watching and especially the young people. Politics is not only representation, but also education, and we must impose constraints on ourselves."

Herut, coupled with developments in relations between Likud and Labour, lead to early elections, the economy will immediately revert to the chaos that characterized the better part of the last ten years.

They believe early elections will generate the pumping of hundreds of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)



Flatto-Sharon

## Flatto-Sharon to be extradited to France

MILAN (AFP) — An Italian court yesterday ordered the extradition of Israeli businessman Samuel Flatto-Sharon to France where he has been sentenced, in his absence, to 10 years' imprisonment for embezzlement.

He was arrested on arrival here in October 1985.

Flatto-Sharon fled France to Israel, where he was elected to the Knesset in 1977. But he was later found guilty of buying votes, and sentenced to jail.

His lawyers said they would appeal against his extradition from Italy.

## Remains of soldier missing since 1984 found in Tulkarm

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
 and YORAM GAZIT

TEL AVIV. — The remains of Samal (Sergeant) David Manos, who had been missing for nearly a year and a half, were found yesterday morning following information obtained during an investigation of a Fatah cell in the Tulkarm area.

At their home in Petah Tikva yesterday, Manos's family expressed relief at the news. "We never stopped hoping that he would be found, and in my heart I knew all along that he was a victim of terrorists, and not

a deserter from the army or a criminal," Manos's father said.

The family said it had been deeply hurt by allegations at the time that their son had been associated with the underworld and that his disappearance had been connected to homosexual activity or drugs. "A great injustice was done us, in addition to the tragic loss of our son," the father said. "We kept hoping that one day there would be a knock on the door, and he'd come walking in."

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## Defence Correspondent Hirsh Goodman tours the security zone

## In Lebanon 'you always have to assume the worst'

"Don't be deceived for one minute by the beauty around us. It's lethal here," a senior officer on the northern border. Tat-Aluf Ilan, said, as we drove through the eastern sector of the security zone in Southern Lebanon this week. He repeated the message a short while later to a group of soldiers in the north-eastern tip of the zone: "Don't be lulled into complacency by the pastoral facade. Be alert, and be careful."

"Behind each bend in the road, behind every tree, danger lurks," he said. "Here in Lebanon," he continued, "you always have to assume the worst. It's a basic rule of survival."

He is not an alarmist. Given the rise in Israeli casualties in recent

weeks, coupled with the increase in Syrian-inspired Palestinian terrorist attempts to infiltrate into Israel, he wants to take no more chances than absolutely necessary. In essence, the security zone is performing its function of buffer to the northern frontier, with the result that there have been no Israeli civilian casualties in the North since the IDF's pullback from Lebanon last June.

In addition to the rise in Palestinian attempts to cross the border, there has also been an increase in the number of Shi'ite actions against the IDF and the South Lebanese Army in southern Lebanon itself. At present, the military command up north feels it has enough forces deployed to deal with the threat, but its officers are also aware that if the

number of Israeli casualties in Southern Lebanon rises, political pressure could build up on the army to change its tactics, with the right calling for a stronger response, and the left for a total pullback.

The military is against changing the current delicate balance. The responses to increased terrorist attempts must be tactical and based on operational considerations only, they say. If the IDF increases either its physical presence in the South, or the intensity of its retaliatory strikes against Palestinian and Shi'ite targets, the moderate Shi'ites could be pushed into a confrontation. If the army pulls out, or significantly decreases its current levels of deployment, then, these officers feel, the war against terror will be fought in Israel rather than in Lebanon, and the SLA will be seriously undermined.

The impression given by a drive through the security zone is of relative stability. Shops in Shi'ite, Christian and Druse towns are open and well-stocked. People are well-dressed, and the schools are open. The SLA and various Unifil contingents man roadblocks along the way and neither the Lebanese nor the

UN troops seem to see anything unusual about Israelis driving around freely. Other levels of defence include SLA positions: special Israeli active defence measures, such as ambushes and a delicate series of understandings with Shi'ite and Druse communities in the area. There is tacit agreement between the IDF and these communities that peace and terror are mutually exclusive.

Until now most of the Israeli casualties in the zone — including the kidnapping of two soldiers last month that led to the IDF's six-day massive, but futile, search — have come from a certain complacency inherent in any protracted situation — especially where the physical beauty of the environment seems to belie the existence of danger and violence.

New orders have been issued since the kidnapping, and intelligence efforts have been deepened in an attempt to preclude surprises. "If we manage through to restore the ability of having the element of surprise on our side, we will continue to be capable of maintaining what we have. But since this is not always possible, it is better to be safe than sorry," he concluded. (See Weekend Magazine Page 5).

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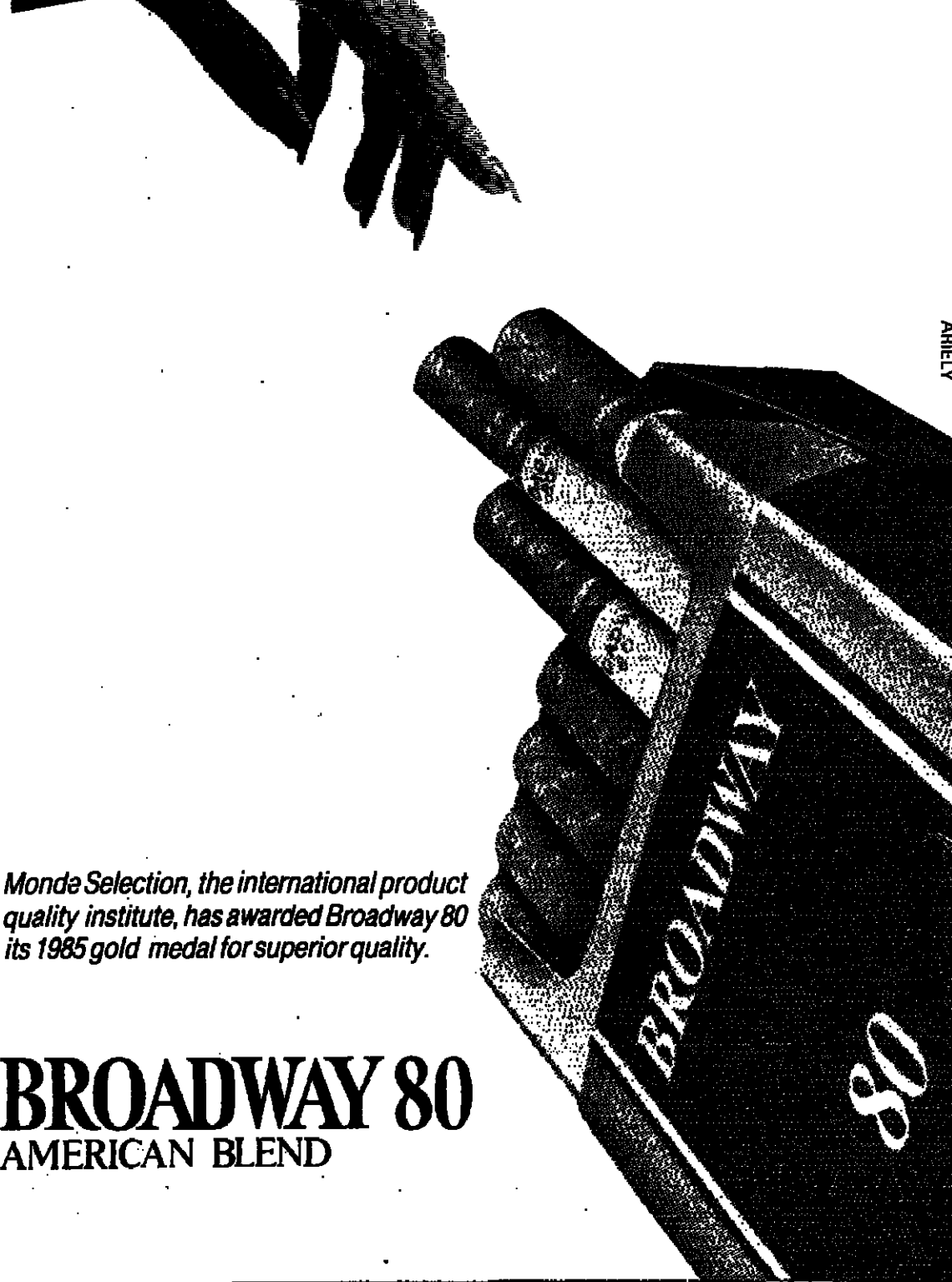
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Jerusalem	24	12-20	15	
Golan	26	6-20	16	
Nahariya	96	6-21	18	
Safed	39	10-19	15	
Haifa Port			20	
Tiberias	46	9-24	21	
Nazareth		10--	17	
Afula	40	6-26	21	
Shomron	10	10-22	18	
Tel Aviv	35	10-24	20	
B-G Airport	8	8-25	21	
Jericho	23	12-27	22	
Tokyo	74	12-20	20	
Beersheba	24	6-22	22	
Eilat	16	16-31	27	

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Science and Development Minister Gideon Patt will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club luncheon in the Zion Hotel at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone: 537766.

## ARRIVALS

Mr. Victor Carter, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and Mrs. Carter for a visit.

Robert H. Arnow, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

## PLO offers help to Kuwait against 'foreign threat'

Post Middle East Staff  
Yasser Arafat yesterday offered to put "Palestinian forces" at the disposal of Kuwait to help it face any foreign threat. Radio Monte Carlo said yesterday that Arafat had made the offer in a telephone call to Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad.

Israeli experts said last night that this offer is a response to recent Iranian advances against Iraq in the Faw peninsula, which have brought Iranian forces close to the Kuwaiti border. The experts said that Arafat's offer also followed threats on Kuwaiti rulers by the Abu Nidal terror organization, made in an interview to the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Kabab* three months ago.

But Radio Monte Carlo reported that al-Ahmad had merely thanked Arafat and told him that Kuwait and other Gulf states were capable of facing any development.

## Top PLO official due in London next week

By JERRY LEWIS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
LONDON. - Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister" will be here next week on a private visit. The *Jerusalem Post* learned last night. He will be the first senior official of the organization to come here since the abortive visit of two top PLO leaders last October.

The Foreign Office was unable to confirm whether Kaddoumi would be in Britain. But at least one senior diplomat said he knew of the planned visit.

British policy, Foreign Office officials emphasize, is that no meetings with PLO officials will be permitted at a ministerial level unless the PLO agrees to accept UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and renounce terrorism.

Meetings with senior Foreign Office officials have not been ruled out, however.

## Yaffa Yarkoni to star in "This Is Your Life"

By GREER FAY CASHMAN  
Yaffa Yarkoni, a star of Hebrew song since the 1948 War of Independence, will be the guest on Israel TV's "This Is Your Life" show on Independence Day eve.  
The show was recorded last Monday and after eight hours of non-stop recording of songs and reminiscences, Yarkoni was as vibrant at 1.30 a.m.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

# E. Jerusalemite 'admits involvement' in murder of police intelligence chief

By BARBARA AMOUYAL  
For The Jerusalem Post

An East Jerusalem man, Mahmoud Nurin, 25, reportedly admitted yesterday to being involved in the murder of Rav-Samir Rishon Avraham Bayazi on January 30. Bayazi, the police intelligence chief in the Old City, was gunned down while driving to work in the Kishle station inside Jaffa Gate.

Nurin was arrested on February 2 after allegedly attempting to cross the border into Jordan.

Nurin has reportedly implicated two others in the murder. He has insisted that Omar Faraj, 21, of Silwan, and Safwan Dahar, 23, of Azariya, were behind the murder plan, police say.

Faraj has been on a hunger strike since last Friday, it is learned. He is

protesting against what he has described as police brutality and the conditions in the police lockup.

Nurin yesterday broke a 45-day silence and, according to police, admitted to travelling in the stolen blue Volkswagen car that had pulled up alongside Bayazi and from which the police officer had been shot. Nurin also reportedly admitted to helping his two accomplices abandon the car in Wadi Kadu immediately after the murder.

Nurin has been recuperating in Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, from gunshot wounds received when an IDF patrol fired on him as he attempted to cross the border into Jordan near Jericho.

Police say he has confirmed their suspicions that Faraj drove the

murderer's car and that Dahar fired the fatal shots with a Kalashnikov rifle.

Faraj was arrested less than an hour after the shooting.  
Police are still searching for Dahar who, it is thought, may have escaped to Jordan. Police believe he hid the murder weapon for which they were still searching yesterday.

Nurin and Faraj are to appear today in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court for an extension of remand. Both have been held for 45 days and the police have asked the attorney-general's office to permit them to hold the pair for another 15 days. During this time they hope to let the district attorney's office have the material on which charges can be based.

## Bat-Dor 'Kaddish' at Treblinka

TREBLINKA, Poland (AP). - As a chilling breeze rustled through the fir trees and across the jagged stones scattered over the large field, members of the Israeli Bat-Dor dance company yesterday chanted *kaddish* at a memorial to the more than 800,000 people slaughtered here.

For the younger members of Bat-Dor, in particular, the visit to the former Nazi death camp was an emotional first direct encounter with one of the major sites of the Holocaust.

"I feel very strange because my father was in Auschwitz and I am here today," said Moshe Goldberg, a dancer with the company from Tel Aviv. "I can't think how people, after all that, can survive and have families today."

Bat-Dor is the first Israeli cultural

group to visit Poland since Warsaw broke diplomatic relations with Israel along with most Soviet bloc countries following the Six Day War.

The visit is the result of an agreement reached between Poland and Israel last October to exchange diplomatic visa officers and develop cultural ties.

Bat-Dor received enthusiastic receptions from sell-out audiences on Tuesday and Wednesday at their first two concerts at Warsaw's Teatr Wielki. The company is to perform in Lodz and Gdynia before leaving Poland next week.

Scattered across the 23 acres of Treblinka are more than 15,000 stones, many of them inscribed with the name of a country or a town where the victims came from. There is no other evidence of the

camp, which the Nazis dismantled following a prisoners' revolt in August 1943.

"It's the stillness that is almost unbelievable," said Bat-Dor manager Barry Swersky, looking across the snow-specked field filled with the jagged stones.

"One can't help thinking what it must have been like for these half-naked, starving people...all of whom met their death here," said Swersky.

After reciting *kaddish*, Swersky and other members of the company laid flowers at the base of the large stone plinth with a menorah heven into one side that stands at the centre of the field.

Nearby is a large stone with the inscription "never again" written in six languages, including Yiddish and Polish.

## No progress made during Murphy's visit

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy left for Washington yesterday morning after a 36-hour visit here which ended without any concrete achievement.

Israeli officials stressed that from the first nothing much had been expected of the visit. It was regarded as a side-trip to Murphy's visit to Tunis and Cairo, where he assessed the situation after the Egyptian Central Security Police riots.

Officials here said they saw Murphy's stopover in Israel as part of a U.S. effort to present at least a semblance of movement towards Middle East peace talks, on the theory that the region will otherwise

begin to slide towards renewed conflict.

In the talks with Prime Minister Peres on Wednesday, both Murphy and the premier agreed that any dramatic movement towards talks was unlikely in the foreseeable future. Instead, slow, quiet steps were necessary to fill the vacuum created by the breakdown of the negotiations between Jordan's King Hussein and the PLO, and the assassination of Nablus mayor Zaafer al-Masri. The Americans call this "conditioning the environment" for the bigger steps, when and if they are made.

Among Israeli proposals made at the meeting was an "economy for

peace" undertaking, in which massive American and Western European investment in a regional Middle East economic development plan would "complement" the political peace process.

Israel also hopes to receive American help in getting West Bank and Gaza leaders to take on positions, such as mayoralties, within the context of a devolution process, granting the inhabitants of the territories a measure of self-government.

Murphy and Peres also agreed it was not likely that in the near future Hussein would enter any peace talks alone, or that the king and Syria would enter such talks together.

## Finnish FM here

Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen arrived in Israel yesterday evening and was met by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, with whom he will also confer this morning. On Sunday, Vayrynen is expected to focus on South Lebanon, where Finland has a contingent serving in Unifil, and on the Middle East situation in general.

## Uruguayan president to visit Israel in May

Uruguayan President Julio Maria Sanguinetti is to make the first visit of a Uruguayan head of state to Israel in May.

The announcement of the visit followed a meeting last week between Sanguinetti and Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Navon, who was in Montevideo to attend a meeting of Latin American Jewish community leaders. (Itim)

## PAKISTAN

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offered by (Saudi) King Fahd and (Jordan's) King Hussein that Palestinians and Jordanians should come together.

"We should then have a piece of land on the West Bank and Gaza Strip which should be the homeland of the Palestinians and together they should live in peace," Zia said.

## Peres opposed to Sabbath cable-car

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Prime Minister Shimon Peres last night vigorously opposed operation of the city's new cable car on the Sabbath, saying it would violate the *status quo* agreement on religious matters signed when the

coalition government was established.

Peres, a guest of the Haifa Journalists Association said he considered it "more important to cure economic ills and continue the government's peace initiatives, than to violate the religious *status quo*."

## Recent Balata camp killings 'don't signal tougher Areas policy'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent killings of two Balata refugee camp residents by IDF soldiers does not signal a toughening of security policy in the territories, military sources said yesterday.

The sources denied Palestinian claims that the IDF had become "trigger-happy" following demonstrations sparked by the assassination of Nablus mayor Zaafer al-Masri.

The statement was made at an unusual briefing given to reporters in Nablus on the shooting death

on Monday of a Balata teenager who had fled from an IDF patrol.

The sources said that under a policy initiated by OC Central Command Ehud Barak, IDF troops were keeping a low profile during patrols of West Bank towns. Soldiers have been ordered to avoid interfering in events in the cities unless there is a threat to security and public order.

The absence of a visible IDF presence at al-Masri's funeral had typified the new policy, the sources said.

A commander of the unit involved in Monday's incident said that the 19-year-old victim, Muhammad Dukat, had been killed when he and another Balata resident had run away when spotted by an IDF patrol. The soldiers had shouted to the suspects, fired in the air and shot rubber bullets before opening fire at the suspects' legs, he said. He said the shots had hit the victim above the waist because the soldier firing was standing on a slope above the two men.

A jerrycan of petrol and an improvised torch had been found at the site of the shooting.

## ATTEMPT TODAY

Yitzhak Shamir is to oust Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos. Levy is reported to have told those close to him that he sees no way of patching up things with Shamir. The maximum which can be aspired to for the time being is some sort of a temporary arrangement or a technical agreement, to be followed "by the real showdown."

Shamir, for his part, talked to his close associates about "destructive forces which tried to take over the party brutally."

The Shamir side, so far, has been making eyes at Ariel Sharon with the aim of pulling him away from his alliance with Levy. Previously, Shamir would have nothing to do with Sharon. The line now is that Sharon is not as much of a villain as Levy.

Appearing on TV yesterday, Sharon presented himself as the party's great peacemaker, saying he had sought compromise all along, and promising to work harder than ever to reach agreement. He expressed confidence in Shamir as party leader, saying it was clear he was party chairman (a title the convention had not had the chance to confer upon him) and Herut's candidate for premier.

Sharon denied that he had agreed to the idea that the new central committee include all 2,000 conven-

tion delegates, thereby avoiding most of the strife.

However, Welfare Minister Moshe Katzav, who was convention presidium chairman, told TV that Sharon not only said he supports the proposal, but promised to "win Levy over to the idea. But then when the proposal was made in the convention plenum, he opposed it."

Katzav said the convention must be convened again for a second session to take care of unfinished business. Nevertheless, he said there would be no second session without prior agreement among the sides on the composition of the party's new

# Salaries panel can't be objective, MKs charge

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The membership of a public committee charged with making recommendations on reforming Knesset salaries and conditions has come under fire from some MKs for a conflict of interest.

The pensions of at least four of the panel's five members, as well as that of its adviser, are linked to MKs' salaries, Mappan MK Yair Tsaab told reporters yesterday.

Tsaab said he "could not regard the five members appointed by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel as constituting an objective body." The panel's recommendations on salary reform are due before Pessah.

Relationships, formal and informal, have generally existed between the salaries and pensions of MKs, directors-general of ministries, deputy ministers and ministers.

The committee's chairman, former state comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl, draws the same pension as that of a minister, for example. Should the committee's recommendations lead to an increase in MKs' salaries and pensions, Nebenzahl's would go up as well.

Also serving on the panel are former energy minister Yitzhak Berman, former Justice Ministry director-general Zvi Terlo, former Civil Service commissioner Ya'acov Nitzan, and Gabi Sabbag, the director of an employment agency, ORS Ltd.

Terlo's and Nitzan's pensions are linked to those of deputy ministers, which are close to those of Knesset members. Sabbag is the only one from the private sector; he is understood to have won his place on the public committee after Hillel consulted with MK Jacques Amir (Alignment) whom he was close to in Histadrut and political work.

Attached to the public committee as an expert is Ya'acov Bechor, formerly at the State Comptroller's Office. He has wide experience in economic and administrative spheres, but his pension is also sure to be affected eventually by what happens to MKs' salaries.

Amir, who chairs the Knesset's special sub-committee on MKs' salaries and conditions, defends the panel's make-up. "Whatever the background of the five men on the public committee, their quality and integrity are such that I do not believe for one second they could be swayed by anything but objective considerations," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The public committee will be reporting to Amir's Knesset committee and to the Speaker. At present, the subcommittee of Amir's Knesset committee is responsible for drafting proposals about salaries and conditions, but it has not functioned since Hillel set up the public committee.

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About 3,000 newly-religious Jews spent five hours this week listening to fiery speech and song. Haim Shapiro reports

## The price of penitence

If there were ever any doubts that the Jewish penitential movement was a force to be reckoned with here today, then the 3,000 newly religious — who this week were willing to pay NIS 8 apiece to sit through some five hours of rabbinical exhortation — should have settled them.

The Annual Conference on *Hazara Bishuva* (Repentance) was scheduled for 6.30 p.m. Wednesday night in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. But by 7, the band was still warming up, the light and sound technicians were still at work and the hall was almost empty. In the lobby, vendors were selling cassettes of sermons, records of popular religious singers and pictures of the Baba Sali, the late Yisrael Abuhatzzeira, Moroccan-born spiritual leader.

A half-hour later, though the hall was still barely full, the evening began with the Piamenta Band, a group of penitents from the U.S. who slid back and forth between jazz and hassidic *niggunim*. The sound was deafening, and it was difficult to understand how the white-haired rabbi on the podium could bear it.

The rally was sponsored by the Or Hahaim yeshiva, an institution for penitents founded by the charismatic Rabbi Reuven Elbaz, a leading figure in these circles.

The Shas, Sephardi Tora Guardians party leader, Yitzhak Peretz opened the programme with a talk on the coming Purim holiday, when Jews are commanded to drink. But

when a Jew, however simple and common, had a drink, he revealed his warm Jewish heart, Peretz told the crowd. Though he may normally be a gentleman, when a non-Jew drinks, what comes through? Ivan the Terrible, Peretz declares.

Referring to recent restrictions on bringing in outside lecturers to army groups, Peretz thundered: "I am sorry to tell you that there are those in the Knesset who would keep Jewish soldiers from the Tora, but at the same time they bring lecturers who speak on how to live a life of licentiousness."

"My friends, I am responsible for my words. You can't bring soldiers to the Tora, but you can take them to churches and mosques."

A hefty reserves soldier with full beard applauded enthusiastically.

Though the crowd was largely Sephardi working class, they were no less warm in their reception of Rabbi Eliyahu Essas, a recent immigrant from Russia where he was a charismatic Orthodox leader. Essas told them he had come from the dark and the cold. But in the dark and cold there was a flat where men still sat and studied *Gemara* — and another place where people sat and studied the holy tongue.

There is a woman, Essas says, who once a month travels all night by train, 1,000 kms. to Moscow, to use the *mikve*. There are 2 million Jews in Russia who don't know the *alef* ber, but his original study group of 15



A mixture of jazz and hassidic music.

(Rahamim Israeli)

has given rise to other study groups and they continue to multiply.

But the star of the evening was Elbaz. A consummate and charismatic speaker, the rabbi with deep-set fiery eyes is a founding father of the penitential movement. He started in a slum building in the shadow of the Jaffa Gate, preaching to drug addicts and ex-convicts. Now Or Hahaim occupies a growing complex of renovated buildings in the Bukharan Quarter.

Elbaz plays with his audience, rolling his Rs and extending other consonants for emphasis. The hall was then almost full, and the crowd, which was noisy and restless most of the evening, sat entranced as he spun out a mixture of parable and exhortation.

His theme: the evils of bringing Jewish and Arab teenagers together. He told of a visit by Jewish high school pupils to an Arab village. A Jewish girl — a pure Jewish girl — was walking through the village when a young man whistled at her.

"He didn't look up. After all she knew where she was — in an Arab village, but her youth counsellor told her, 'That isn't nice, that isn't liberal. Go over and talk to him. They call him Abu Elnan' ('the one with the eyes'). May his eyes burst," he chanted, to a burst of applause and cries of encouragement.

He told of Jewish children forced to eat non-kosher food in Arab homes, "so as not to embarrass our hosts," of a Jewish girl "uncovered" before an Arab man, who then

offered to take her to Europe; and of an Arab boy whose father, upon discovering that his son had had a little wine in a Jewish home, slapped his son and vowed to take revenge on the Jews.

"We won't allow such meetings. We won't let them do it," he shouted to resounding applause.

He told a parable of a wolf who played dead to save himself from a shepherd, only to have his ears and toes cut off and his eyes plucked out by the shepherd's children. When the wolf finally decided to run for his life, he was already doomed.

"They have taken our feet for soccer, our eyes and ears for television and radio," Elbaz said, bringing the house down with his imitation of American rock music.

He introduced a naval officer, who told the crowd that his brother, who studied in an agricultural school in Haifa, had spent the weekend at the home of an Arab classmate. During the visit, his Arab friend's brother pointed a gun "in fun," and the Jewish boy was killed when the gun accidentally went off.

"That's what comes of meetings between Jews and Arabs," the speaker concluded, adding that it was after the incident that he and his family had become penitents.

Though it was already late, the audience gave a standing ovation to former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who urged them to send their children only to ultra-Orthodox schools. Even in the state religious schools there is a danger of meetings with Arabs. "And don't just send your own children, convince your friends and neighbours, your relations, but peacefully, pleasantly." But Yosef's real purpose was to open the appeal. For \$2,000 — and later for \$1,000 — he gave his personal blessing. Others were encouraged to fill out a bank order, pledging a monthly sum for the yeshiva. Students went through the hall with the forms and a framed blessing from the yeshiva for NIS 150.

After an interlude of more music and a balancing act, the crowd was told that the pilot promised on the programme was doing reserve duty. But a "crack soldier," who said that his repentance was the result of a Shabbat visit to Kfar Habad, did appear. He recalled when his jeep had been surrounded by a hostile mob in Lebanon. Yehezkel, "a kibbutznik," had not put on *tefillin* that day, he later discovered.

"Roll up your sleeve Yehezkel, you need an infusion of *tefillin*," he ordered as the mob drew closer.

Yehezkel removed his coat, shirt and long underwear and put on the *tefillin*. The mob dispersed.

"Perhaps this entire war and all the suffering," the soldier said he had told Yehezkel, "was just so you would put on *tefillin* in this place at this time."



(Andre Bruttman)

Roy Isacowitz on the final stages of the convention

## 'Nightmare' that ended in chaos

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — By the time Yitzhak Shamir and convention presidium chairman Moshe Katsav decided to put Herut out of its misery at 3.45 a.m. yesterday, the party's convention had still not settled the procedural issues originally scheduled for its first session last Monday morning.

Wednesday's evening session began at 9 p.m. sharp, timed to catch the evening TV news headlines, with Ariel Sharon demanding that the convention approved by show of hands his proposed 155-member mandates committee. The committee was heavily loaded in favour of the camps headed by Sharon and David Levy.

The importance of the committee lay in its power to add up to 200 delegates of its own choosing to the convention. Those delegates would have the right to vote for the central committee, which would, in time, elect the candidates for the party's next Knesset list.

Katsav rejected Sharon's demand and, to roars of disapproval, allowed the submission of six counter-proposals. The first speaker, party veteran Yohanan Bader, described the proceedings as "a nightmare," and warned that Herut was in the process of maneuvering itself into the opposition.

The uproar began with Katsav's snub and continued throughout Bader's speech. The Sharon-Levy people, buoyed by Sharon's victory over Binyamin Ze'ev Begin the previous day, were not interested in hearing alternative proposals: the Shamir-Arens camp was just as determined to prevent the adoption of Sharon's proposal.

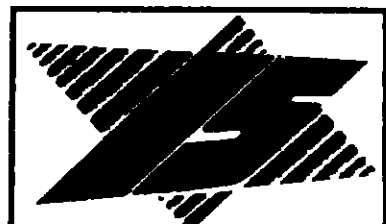
At 11 p.m., Shamir took the podium, followed in turn by Levy and Arens. Tension in the hall increased as each leader defended his actions over the past three days and accused his opponents of attempting to take over the party.

Levy came close to declaring open revolt in what to many sounded like a self-serving and arrogant address, when he informed Shamir: "Your methods have harmed the movement and are not deserving of my confidence."

Katsav provided the fatal spark. At 1.30 a.m. he suddenly announced that he intended holding an open vote for party chairman. The only candidate for the post was Shamir, he maintained. The crowd went wild. Hundreds of delegates stood on their chairs and chanted the names of their favourites, while others besieged the rostrum.

With the situation out of hand, Katsav announced that the session would adjourn while the presidium conferred with the party's legal adviser. When Katsav left the hall, a group of Sharon supporters seized the rostrum, announced Katsav's ouster and appointed MK David Magen to the post of presidium chairman.

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## Odds against split in Herut now

TEL AVIV. — Will Herut survive the massive bloodletting of the past few days, or will it splinter apart?

These are the practical questions ahead. Much ink has been and will be spilled on explaining what brought Herut to this crisis, but one must also query whether its future can be predicted?

Party insiders are not sure about Herut's viability in general and are even less certain of the party's surviving in its old familiar form. But they do not believe it will actually split and spawn new parties in the immediate future.

The rotation of the premiership, which will in October put their party leader at the head of the government, is the compelling reason for Herut factions to present at least a facade of sticking together. The rotation is important not only for Yitzhak Shamir personally. The party itself, and his bitterest rivals within it, cannot afford to let their party's turn at the helm slip from their hands. For if elections, and not rotation, ensue at this highly inopportune time for the party, then Herut can forget about being the party of government for many years to come.

And the immediate losers will be all those many Herut members who, for the first time in the state's history, have since 1977 been given executive government and state offices. It is the spoils of power which David Levy and Ariel Sharon promise their followers that are at stake.

But it is here that Shamir holds the trump card. For the rotation agreement specifically says that it must be Shamir personally and no other

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Herutnik who succeeds Shimon Peres. Should Shamir act on his words to television reporters on Wednesday when he intimated that he would not be premier if he could not count on the majority in his own party, he would leave all his party rivals in the lurch.

A split is a solution that a party in opposition can afford far more than one which is a major partner in government. Herut, and its Revisionist pre-state precursor, have been through a number of splits, but then they had nothing to lose, and only ideological fervour to intensify.

The odds are that the rival factions will contrive to continue occupying the same party headquarters, but that the building will echo to a hostility unprecedented in its naked ferocity.

There may even be mediation attempts, though one of the party's main problems is that it lacks a mediator trusted by all.

The convention, having accomplished nothing, should logically be replaced by another, or by a second session of the same composition. But that would have to be by the agreement of all the sides and after a prior deal on the division of the party cake, leaving no real role for the delegates.

Some in the party say that Herut should copy the National Religious

Party and set up an official system of party factions. Following that suggestion, the party would have to organize internal elections in a few months on a factional basis, so that it becomes clear to all who has the upper hand. Herut's personal election system, in which individual delegates ran, left everyone in the dark about the true loyalty of delegates and, as has been obvious in the past month, led the rival sides to make conflicting claims and false assessments of their real strength.

While logic dictates that Herut do its utmost not to forgo rotation, the unknown quantity remains Levy's temper. There is no certainty that Levy will agree to even go through the motions of peace-making.

The man in the worst situation is perhaps Ariel Sharon, although it was only at mid-week that he appeared the victor in resoundingly defeating Binyamin Ze'ev Begin. Now Sharon finds himself firmly bound to Levy. His intention was to form an *ad hoc* alliance with Levy, good only for the few convention days. But beyond that, he and Levy remained rivals for the party leadership. The groups which support Levy and Sharon, however, often overlap, and Sharon will now find it next to impossible to sever the supposedly *ad hoc* tie. Moreover, it is clear that it is Levy who is the top man in their alliance, and that Sharon is only his sidekick, if not his hostage. And this is a role that will not long offer Sharon much joy.

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## Swedish police arrest man in Palme slaying

STOCKHOLM. — Police have arrested a Swedish citizen suspected of involvement in the murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme, Swedish Radio reported yesterday.

The arrest was the first since Palme was murdered on his way home from the cinema in Stockholm on February 28.

The report said the man was arrested in Stockholm on Wednesday evening only days before world leaders are due to assemble for the slain premier's funeral tomorrow.

No further details were given. Stockholm police information chief Leif Hallberg said, "I can confirm that after following up various tips, we had reason to arrest a man on suspicion of complicity in the murder."

"He was brought in at 8:25 p.m. last night (Wednesday) and booked for interrogation," he said.

Hallberg's remarks appear to be the first time police had used the term "arrest" in any of the detentions in the course of their 13-day hunt for the late Swedish prime minister's assassin.

Hallberg refused to give any further details about the case.

The Swedish news agency Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå quoted Henning Sjostrom, a leading Swedish defence lawyer, as saying the man was Swedish and had an "unblemished record."

Sjostrom told the agency the man had been arrested because he was near the scene of the assassination,

which took place late on the night of February 28.

Sjostrom said his client, "about 35" and from Stockholm, was being held in a cell at police headquarters. He refused to divulge further details about the man, saying it was important his identity be protected, because "I am convinced he will be released."

The lawyer indicated others would also be taken into custody, saying "there will be many persons who will have to undergo the purgatory of being interrogated for complicity in the murder."

He said the man was "an ordinary Swede with no foreign connections" who had been near the scene of the shooting and has a "certain resemblance" to a police composite portrait of Palme's suspected killer.

"The man denies all complicity in the murder and is shocked and stressed at being suspected," Sjostrom said.

In response to a question, Sjostrom said the man was not a policeman. At least one Stockholm policeman had been detained earlier in the investigation, but he was later released.

The man's detention was disclosed several hours after new Swedish leader Ingvar Carlsson outlined policies matching those of Palme, whose cabinet he left virtually intact but whose sometimes abrasive style he hinted he wanted to avoid. (Reuter, AP)

## Aquino freezes assets of Marcos, 33 cronies

MANILA. — The Aquino government took action yesterday to immobilize exiled leader Ferdinand Marcos and his associates financially by freezing their bank accounts in the Philippines.

Marcos, who fled the country with millions of dollars in cash and jewelry, received a further setback when 22 members of his New Society Movement (NSM) said the party was thoroughly discredited and called for a clean break with the past.

The government ordered banks to freeze accounts of Marcos's 33 associates and members of the Marcos family, including businessman Eduardo Cojuangco, a cousin of President Corason Aquino, and "Sugar Baron" Roberto Benedicto.

The order came a day after top officials left for the U.S. to try to recover what the government describes as the "hidden wealth" of the deposed ruler.

Raul Daza, a member of the Commission on Good Government, told reporters he could not estimate how much money was in the personal and corporate accounts of 33 individuals whose accounts were frozen.

The Marcoses' wealth in the country and outside, including property,

has been estimated at up to \$10 billion.

Marcos went into exile in Hawaii on February 25, after being toppled by a civilian-supported military revolt, but has been trying to run his party by advising leaders by telephone to stay united.

Twenty-two KBL members of parliament, stunned by his fall and embarrassing revelations about his wealth, met yesterday and called for setting up a new party and for cutting "all links with Hawaii."

Manuel Garcia, a former deputy justice minister, said: "We should now start with a new slate, a new name and a new image."

The KBL still dominates the National Assembly, but would receive a hard knock if Aquino decided to abolish parliament and declare a revolutionary government.

Aquino has deferred a decision on the status of her government — Marcos under the constitution is the legally elected head of state — and is concentrating instead on crippling the former ruling family financially.

She has frozen all local assets and properties of Marcos. A new order yesterday said those holding or controlling his properties should make full disclosures within two weeks.

## Soweto bus service halted

SOWETO, South Africa (AFP). — Tens of thousands of commuters in this huge black dormitory suburb of Johannesburg were stranded yesterday as bus crews went on strike in protest against the killing of a fellow driver by teenage protesters.

Tension was running high here before the funeral of the driver,

Jerry Mthibedi, 31, who was stoned to death last week by rampaging schoolchildren.

Black organizations strongly condemned the killing of blacks by other blacks in the name of the "liberation struggle" in the strife-torn black townships.



Aurora Aquino (left), mother of the slain Philippines opposition leader Benigno Aquino and mother-in-law of President Corason Aquino, yesterday viewed the bedroom of Imelda Marcos, wife of deposed president Ferdinand Marcos. Rough estimates of the wealth Marcos abandoned in the Malacañang palace, his official residence, place it at around \$2 billion. The palace was opened to the public shortly after Marcos was deposed. (AFP telephoto)

## Kohl's nemesis in the Greens is rotated out of Bundestag

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Greens leader Otto Schily yesterday became what Prime Minister Peres is scheduled to become in October: a victim of rotation. In keeping with a general rotation rule in the party's faction in the Bundestag, Schily, 54, resigned from the Bonn parliament.

Addressing the chamber before making way for a successor, the radical attorney accused West Germany's established parties of a huge cover-up of illegal business donations to their funds.

Schily was speaking during a debate on the final report of a parliamentary committee which for more than two years probed allegations that the giant Flick industrial concern provided party funds in return for tax favors.

Opposing the majority view that Flick had failed in attempts to swing political decisions, he said the company had been built on slave labor during the Nazi regime and had exerted a poisonous influence on West German democracy.

Schily made a strong impact on West Germany's political life when he filed a criminal complaint against the Chancellor, Helmut Kohl. Two state prosecutors are investigating charges that Kohl lied to two parliamentary committees probing his knowledge of illegal party donations.

Schily's action may cost Kohl the chancellorship, but it was more than a tactical move. It is part of the political and personal philosophy of an unusual man.

Schily was born in 1932 into a family which was both bourgeois and unconventional. His father was a foundry manager and there had been both industrialists and men of letters in the family. His parents, however, were under the strong influence of anthroposophy, a partly spiritual, partly mystic philosophy calling upon man to perfect his understanding of the world. Because of their views, Schily's parents were in political trouble in the Third Reich.

In a way, Schily follows the family's tradition.

Concerning German-Jewish relations, Schily demands humility and a feeling of shame from the Germans. The Germans also have to face the truth that "racist ideas did not just drop down from somewhere. The ground was ready for them." Schily would also like the Jewish community in Germany to speak out more loudly on issues like anti-Semitism and Germany's confrontation with its Nazi past.

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

### 'Danny the Red' backs the Greens in Paris

PARIS (Reuter). — Daniel Cohn-Bendit, who brought thousands of French students to the barricades in May 1968, has returned to Paris to rally support for the Greens in Sunday's parliamentary elections. "A little point of history," said the man then called Danny the Red for his flaming red hair and his fiery revolutionary rhetoric. "This is the first meeting at which I have participated since 1968."

Cohn-Bendit, now 40 and living in a West German commune, said he returned Wednesday because he thinks French politics needs alternatives on the left to the Socialists and the Communists.

### Dublin against closing UK nuclear plant

DUBLIN (AP). — Irish legislators voted against calling for the immediate closure of a British plant that has been criticized for raising levels of radioactivity in the Irish Sea.

The lower house Wednesday rejected 60-51 a motion by the opposition Fianna Fail Party calling for closure of the Sellafield plant, which is on the British coast bordering the Irish Sea.

Instead, it opted to support moves by Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael-Labour Party coalition government to ask the European Common Market to send a multinational inspection team to Sellafield to decide whether it should continue operating.

A British parliamentary report released Wednesday said the Sellafield plant had made the Irish Sea the most radioactive sea in the world.

### Forty Bulgarians being tried in \$2m. scandal

BELGRADE (Reuter). — More than 40 people are on trial in Sofia in Bulgaria's biggest postwar currency scandal, involving \$2 million worth of stolen silver, the weekly journal *Pogled* reported in its latest edition.

*Pogled*, the organ of the Bulgarian Journalists Union, said the trial was now in its second month. Informed sources contacted in Sofia said this was the first report of the affair in the Bulgarian press.

*Pogled* said the principal defendant, Kiril Raskov, and some 40 other people were accused of stealing \$2m. worth of silver machine components and selling the metal to foreigners for hard currency.

### Pretender to French throne gets 'divorced'

PARIS (AFP). — After 55 years of marriage and 11 children, the wife of the Count of Paris, the pretender to the French throne, has asked for a legal separation of the couple's goods, the count said, in what was described here as a "Catholic-style divorce."

The 77-year-old count said the countess, 74, had taken the legal action "unilaterally" and at the instigation of "Mrs. Schonborn, my eldest daughter, and Mrs. Sambucy de Sorgue, my youngest daughter."

The couple has been living separately for the past 10 years, and the count said his estranged wife "lived comfortably on the generous income I supplied."

The family has had a turbulent family life, with the count in 1984 disinheriting his eldest son, the Count of Clermont, for having remarried, and naming one of his grandsons, Prince Jean, as the crown prince.

### Architect proposes U.S.-Soviet 'peace bridge'

WASHINGTON (AFP). — American architect Tung Yeh-lin has proposed a "peace bridge" linking the U.S. to the Soviet Union across the Bering Strait. He put the idea to President Reagan while he was in Washington to receive the National Medal of Science, the highest U.S. decoration for scientific achievement.

The idea of a bridge between the superpowers was first suggested in 1949. Tung's project would cost \$1 billion and would link the Soviet Union to Alaska at a point where only 80 kilometers of sea separates them.

### Peter Sellers's daughter faces cocaine charge

NEWARK (Reuter). — Victoria Sellers, the 23-year-old daughter of British actor Peter Sellers, was indicted Wednesday on charges of being a member of an international cocaine ring.

Indicted with her was her boyfriend, Hollywood talent agent Reed Wallace, 30, and four others, officials said. According to the indictment, the ring imported one million dollars worth of cocaine into Los Angeles from Colombia and distributed it around the U.S.

## SPORTS

## Look back in delight

Post Sports Staff

TEL AVIV. — Ron Atkinson, Manchester United's famous manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the Kiryat Eliezer soccer field in Haifa provided "the best surface my team have ever played on anywhere." He went on, "It's a terrific stadium, and the setting was simply marvellous. I think the game matched the surroundings. It was a very entertaining affair. It's always a delight to be here and we'll come whenever we have a chance."

Atkinson was particularly impressed by Avi Ron in goal, and with Ronnie Rosenthal, Uri Malmilian and Zion Maril. Ron trained yesterday with United. United's injured captain Bryan Robson was most enthusiastic about Zahi Ameli. "He's strong, fast and has a good football brain," Robson said. "If I were

managing a British side, I'd snap him up fast."

The United players said generally that Maccabi had given them as tough a match as they experienced each week in their league encounters.

Maccabi fans were most intrigued by Uri Malmilian appearing in the all-green colours of Haifa for the first time in his life, and gave him the loudest plaudits. The bleachers were buzzing with speculation about the possibility of his moving to the port city from Betar. Betar has sworn that they will never, never let Malmilian go. But they may find that they will have no choice but to sell their star. The Jerusalem District Court has granted the North American Bank an attachment on Betar's assets and future earnings, to cover an unpaid bill of NIS 364,000.

## Amos marches on

MILAN (AP). — Unseeded Amos Mansdorf, 20, breezed past Christo Steyn of South Africa 6-1, 6-1 to go through to the quarter-finals of the Fila Trophy Indoor Tennis Tournament here.

Also through to the quarters are Miroslav Mecir, who beat John Fitz-

gerald 6-2, 6-4, and Sergio Casal, who overcame Russell Simpson 6-2, 3-6, 7-6. Joakim Nyström beat Pavel Slazil.

Mansdorf plays either Anders Jarryd or Emilio Sanchez. The top seed, Ivan Lendl, still has to play.

## Oxford reach Milk Cup final

LONDON (AFP). — Les Phillips and Jeremy Charles grabbed the goals which steered Oxford United into their first-ever Wembley Cup final appearance as they beat Aston Villa 2-1, and 4-3 on Aggregate, in their Football League Milk Cup semi-final, on Wednesday night.

After a dull, goalless first-half at the Manor Ground, Phillips put Oxford ahead and Charles hit the second, and although Mark Walters scored a late consolation goal for Villa, Oxford were not to be denied their moment of glory.

In the final on April 20, Oxford, who held former European champions Villa 2-2 in the first leg, take on fellow-First Division strugglers

Queens Park Rangers, managed by their former boss, Jim Smith.

FA Cup-holders Everton clinched a semi-final clash against Sheffield Wednesday thanks to Gary Lineker's 33rd goal of the season, which proved enough to beat Luton in the quarter-final replay.

Lineker struck midway through the first-half and then Trevor Steven wasted a chance to wrap up the tie when he saw his penalty superbly saved by Luton's Les Sealey.

Luton, knocked out in a semi-final replay by Everton last year, made a storming fight back in the second-half but the league leaders held on.

Sheffield Wednesday won their sixth round against West Ham 2-1, with a brave first-half display. Nigel Worthington headed his first goal of the season to set Wednesday up and then Carl Short cracked his sixth goal in three games.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

### State Cup may provide soccer feast

By YARON KENAN

Traditionally, the State Cup has attracted less attention than the week by week battles in the league. This weekend there is an opportunity to break with tradition, as Saturday's matches include the National League teams encounter with Second Division sides and the survivors of the earlier rounds from lower leagues.

The weather is perfect, and a host of good matches are on the card, several of them holding out the prospect of an exciting upset. One of the better games pits the champions Beitar Jerusalem against their sister Betar club from Tel Aviv. There the top division side should have little trouble disposing of their less fancied opponents. But there could well be shocks in Hadera, in the Hativva Quarter, in Acre, at Ramat Amidar and at the unlikely location of Kiryat Ata.

All told there are four third division teams left, one from the fourth division (liga Bet) and one dramatic entrant, tiny Betar Pardes Katz, of the fifth division, who entertain the mighty Maccabi Tel Aviv, who have been champions no fewer than 15 times.

For those true-blooded supporters who bemoan the fact that a soccer game is all too short and that 90

minutes offers too paltry fare for an afternoon's entertainment, there is not only the possibility of extra time (incidentally the Sportoto results are calculated on the result after 90 minutes, not the final score), but also the fact that four grounds will provide double-headers. These are in Jerusalem, Petah Tikva, Haifa and Beersheba.

Full Programme with league affiliation of the non-First Division teams in brackets. Kick-off is at 14.30 tomorrow unless otherwise indicated. Hap. Hadera (Div 2) v Hap. Tel Aviv - Hap. Hadera 12.00. Hap. Be'er Sheva (Div 2) v Hap. Petah Tikva - Winter Stadium 12.00. Hap. Hadera (Div 3) v Mac. Sha'arayim - Mac. Hadera 11.00. Hap. Be'er Sheva (Div 3) v Hap. Holon (Div 2) - Hap. P.T. stadium 12.00. Hap. J'fem v Bet. T.A. (Div 2) - YMCA 12.00. Hap. Hadera v Hap. Tiberias (Div 2) - Kiryat Eliezer 12.00. Hap. Hadera (Div 2) v Mac. Jaffa - Beersheba stadium 12.00. Hap. Acre (Div 2) v Hap. Kfar Sava - Acre Friday 14.30. Hap. Netanya Katz (Div 5) v Mac. T.A. - Hap. P.T. stadium 14.30. Hap. J'fem v Hap. Kfar Shalem (Div 4) - YMCA 12.00. Hap. Beersheba v Hap. Or Yehuda (Div 3) - Beersheba stadium. Hap. Yehuda v Hap. Netanya (Div 2) - Hativva Quarter. Hap. Ramat Amidar (Div 2) v Mac. Netanya - Acre. Hap. Kiryat Ata (Div 3) v Mac. Yavne - Kiryat Ata.

## Ireland's heroine

CHELTONHAM (Reuter). — Dawn Run, the Irish mare, became an Irish national heroine yesterday when she won the Gold Cup, the gold riband of British steeplechasing, thereby becoming the first horse to win the Champion Hurdles and the Cup, not

to mention the top steeple-chasing races in France and Ireland. Thousands of Irishmen crossed the Irish Sea to cheer her ecstatically to a thrilling victory. She almost died as a foal when her dam's milk dried up.

## SCOREBOARD

NHL. — Oilers 3, Jets 5; Red Wings 3, Kings 6; Bruins 5, Penguins 2; Flames 3, Rangers 2; Canadiens 3, Canucks 2; Sabres 7, Blackhawks 6.

NBA. — Suns 127, Bucks 126; Sacramento 127, Dallas 126; Atlanta 113, New Jersey 97; Detroit 111, Indiana 101; Philadelphia 105, New York 95; Washington 128, Cleveland 114; Golden State 118, Utah 111; Los Angeles Clippers 100, Seattle 96.

## Marsh's fine century

AUCKLAND (AP). — Resolute opening batsman Geoff Marsall placed Australia in a solid position at the end of the first day's play in the third cricket Test against New Zealand at Eden Park yesterday.

Marsall registered his maiden test century (110) by helping to guide Australia through to 227 for four at the close of play. Wayne Phillips made 62.

Australia fully dominated proceedings until the last half-hour's play, when New Zealand claimed three late wickets, including that of skipper Allan Border for 17.

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**Association of Owners of Time Sharing Units  
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(No. 58-009-989-3)).

**Statement regarding the announcement by the Receivers of a  
tender for the purchase of the Hotel**

More than 7,000 vacation units of the Tiberias Club Hotel have been sold on the time sharing principle to Israeli and overseas residents.

Cautionary notes with respect to half the units have been recorded at the Land Registry office. According to law, the issue of a liquidation order against a real-estate owner, or the appointment of a receiver for his property will not prejudice the rights of a person deriving from the obligation recorded in the note. The law further states that, as long as the cautionary note stands, no transaction may be registered, which is at variance with the contents of the note. Accordingly, no potential buyer will be able to acquire rights in his name that are repugnant to the owners, as recorded in the cautionary notes. Also, it is very doubtful whether the rights of the unit owners may be set aside in future, by submission of a request to the court for the destruction of the joint ownership between the purchaser of the hotel and the persons entitled according to the cautionary notes.

The Association and those who have acquired units will fight by all legal means to preserve their rights, and will oppose all attempts to dispossess them of these rights. At the same time, the Association is ready to enter discussions and to cooperate with any potential buyer, provided that the unit owners' rights are preserved in full.

Yasov Levi, Adv.  
Lawyer of the Association

Shmuel Guttinger  
Deputy Chairman of the Association

Association of Owners of Time Sharing Units in the Tiberias Club Hotel, No. 58-009-989-3  
Association of Owners of Time Sharing Units in the Elat Club Hotel, No. 58-009-989-7

**NOTICE TO OWNERS OF UNITS**

On February 15, 1986, the two Associations were registered with and accepted by the Registrar of Associations. This gives the Associations legal status.

More than half the unit owners have registered with the Associations.

For the Elat Club Hotel, a receiver has been appointed by the Association — Uri Stendel, Adv. — this in addition to the receiver representing Bank Leumi.

The Associations have rented offices at 18 Rival St., Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-381255. The offices will be open Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m. — 1 p.m. from March 16. The hours will soon be lengthened.

The results of elections to the Associations committees are given below:

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The committees of the Associations announce that registration is continuing, and will close on April 15, 1986. Those who wish to register after this date will be required to obtain the approval of the Acceptance Committee. (The registration fee will be paid by cheque, made out to the Association.)

Registration Centres (Branches):  
JERUSALEM: Dror Penet, 15 Yitzhar, Tel. 02-760887, Yosef Shulim, 9 Nizkor, Kiryat Menahem, Tel. 02-417404.  
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**GENERAL**  
After discussions with various entrepreneurs, the opinion formed is that the preferred solution to the problem is the purchase of the two hotels by the Associations, acting alone or in partnership with entrepreneurs acceptable to the Associations, and the completion of construction of the hotels.

Yasov Levi, Adv.  
Chairman, Elat Association

Shmuel Harari, Tax Advisor  
Chairman, Elat Association



# HERUT REAPS THE WHIRLWIND

THIS WEEK'S Herut convention again confounded all the experts who said it wouldn't adjourn on schedule Wednesday night. But it did. The adjournment, bizarre as it was, was the one item on the crowded agenda that was dealt with — and on time.

If Herut survives at all — which is questionable — it will look back to this week's convention as its great hour of shame.

The damage the party managed to do to itself in a brief three days is almost beyond belief. Even if the warring leaders manage to patch things up superficially and smile together for the cameras, the general public is not likely to forget. Nothing Labour might have done to the Likud could have lost it more support than what Herut did to itself.

Not that things were ever dull in Herut. A cursory scrutiny of its history will disclose a long list of battles for the leadership. The one difference is that in the past there was a Menachem Begin, who time after time managed to eject his rivals from the party. Begin was not the unchallenged leader of popular political mythology; but he was a leader capable of crushing all opposition. The list of people he drove out of Herut is a very impressive one — beginning with Eri Jabotinsky, son of the father of Revisionism.

THE STRUGGLES for the seizure of Herut's helm are nothing new. What is new is the style of the combatants and the lack of an authoritative hand to impose order on the vessel. Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who had to be protected from physical violence threatened by his own party's delegates, is perhaps the real victim of the piece. He certainly does not have Begin's power to expel those who challenge him.

If Shamir is the victim, then the real villain of the piece must certainly be David Levy, with Ariel Sharon in the role of sidekick and active accomplice. Though Herut was never a vegetarian debating society, the rowdiness and outright hooliganism introduced by Levy and his entourage is unprecedented. Let us not mince words. The Levy camp includes more than a few bands of

## Villains and victims

SARAH HONIG considers Herut's 'hour of shame'



Photographer Andre Brutmann catches Ariel Sharon casting a shadow over the proceedings.

ruffians, and their leader knows exactly how to whip up their volatile emotions.

There can be little doubt as to which side the hooligans came from. It was only necessary to spot who kept on disrupting the proceedings and who was never allowed to speak. It was always members of the Shamir side who were silenced. Even before the big convention blow-up on Wednesday night and the early hours of yesterday, it was clear that no one from the Shamir side could hope to mount the rostrum without being buffeted by interruptions and threats. The least that could be expected were boos and catcalls, but there were also cases of outright physical assault.

To anyone who witnessed these near-riots, it was obvious that more than just intolerance was involved. It was an attempt to silence the other side and the attempt came from one camp only and was directed only against its rival.

Even party elder statesman Yohanan Bader was not allowed to have his say. It took a magnanimous protective gesture from Sharon to enable the old man to address the convention delegates, who were in no mood to listen anyhow. Bader thanked Sharon "for giving me the right to speak in my own party. It is very generous of you," he said in his ironic, old-world gentlemanly manner, which never seemed more foreign and out of place than it did that night.

Levy contends that the real violence is wrought by "the beautiful people in Herut" whom he ridicules and despises — the people in neat suits and ties with Ph.D.s and other intellectual and academic credentials. These beautiful people, he maintains, are manipulators who, with their neat legal formulae, provoke the violence of his own adherents.

There may be manipulators with university degrees and they exist in every party, as it is only natural that they should. Some jousting for position is what the political game is all about, and it is perfectly legitimate. But to reply to political maneuver-

ings one dislikes with bare fists and screaming mob hysterics is not what the democratic process is all about. It is doubtful that Levy really does not know the difference, which makes his use of brute force all the more sinister, and all the more frightening in what it portends for Israeli society in general, and not just for the future of Herut.

ON THE FIRST day of the convention, a hothead from Petah Tikva, later identified as Gaston Malka, jumped on the podium before Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo (a Shamir man) had a chance to have his say. He knocked Milo down and proceeded to hurl the microphone and lectern at his audience. A near-riot ensued. Next day, Malka's delegate credentials were suspended. A day later, having written a letter of apology, he was reinstated.

Malka was triumphant and boasted that he would now take part in the vote "no matter how that rules Shamir's people... I will vote Levy all the way," he screamed for emphasis.

A few hours later, Levy thought nothing of suggesting on television that Malka was nothing but a Shamir plant, that he was a provocateur employed to shut up the Levy side. The worrisome possibility is that there were some among the viewing public who swallowed this line.

Some commentators believe that those most likely to fall for it are Sephardim, slum-dwellers and development-town residents. According to their popular theory, it is this often not-too-enlightened segment of the population that Levy represents, and which now, under his leadership, has taken over Herut, wresting it from the old-timers who emerged from the underground and founded the party.

If this were true, it would augur ill for the country's social structure as a whole, and not merely for Herut. But the fact is that Herut has always had deep roots in the Oriental community, and one need only look at the Shamir camp to discover all the non-Ashkenazi names of its activists.

Levy's campaign chiefs, on the other hand, are called Reiser, Kleiner, Kaufman and Ben-Elissar (origi-

nally Gottlieb). The ethnic explanation is too simplistic, though it is true that the veteran Revisionists are losing their party.

But the reason they are being disfranchised is what made Herut the success it was and what may bring about its downfall. Unlike Labour, Herut was always a very open party. A young person could enter it and rise to the top at phenomenal speed. One need only glance at the Herut Knesset list to see how many young names it includes, as against the lone Haim Ramon in Labour.

Moreover, many of the younger Herut personalities are men that any party would envy. Moshe Katsav, Meir Shitrit (who started out in Labour but found his path there barred), Dan Meridor, Uzi Landau and others would be assets to any party and have real potential for leadership.

The problematic side of the coin is that the speedy upward mobility has whetted too many appetites and each would-be political wonder wants his slice of the cake — and fast. The party that once was an ideological clan started attracting opportunists who had little interest in its credo.

Those who rose to the top could not handle the power entrusted to them. It plainly went to their heads. Their inflated egos defeated their reason and they no longer discerned any stop signs on the ambitious road to success, on which they continued to claim an exclusive right of way, full speed ahead.

This largely is what happened to Levy. He even gave the mighty Begin trouble over issues of prestige (as when, in 1981, Begin was forced to appoint him deputy premier because he was relieving him of the absorption portfolio for coalition reasons).

Levy never thought even a show of humility expedient, and in the opening ceremony of this week's convention proclaimed himself the heir to Begin's crown.

Infatuated with his own image, contemptuous of other drivers, and oblivious of all warning signals, obstructions and impediments in his path, he drove the party to the inevitable head-on collision.

"Al d'atef afukh, vesof met-fayikh, yefun." (Pirkei Avot, II).

THE BACKGROUND to the stormy events at this week's aborted Herut convention were foreseen by Hillel the Elder and reported in the Ethics of the Fathers, 2,000 years ago. Hillel, it is related, saw a man's skull floating in the river and said: "Because you drowned others you were drowned; and the end of those who drowned you is that they too will be drowned."

Menachem Begin, Herut's revered founder and supreme leader, now in self-imposed secluded retirement, was the first major Israeli politician to consciously release the genie of ethnic politics from the bottle. He did this in years as opposition leader, when tough-guy motorcycle gangs announced his arrival in ethnic neighbourhoods during election campaigns.

The genie has now turned against him and against those around whose shoulders he sought to wrap the mantle of succession. The triumph of Ariel Sharon early Wednesday morning over Begin's son, political neophyte Binyamin Ze'ev Begin, for the chairmanship of the Herut convention mandates committee, by a comfortable 12 per cent margin, affixed the seal on the final metamorphosis of the party into a new entity.

For the three-and-a-half decades since it was founded by Menachem Begin as the successor of the Irgun Zvai Leumi military underground wing of Jabotinsky's Revisionist Zionist movement, and until Begin's retirement into self-imposed seclusion in September 1983, the leadership of Herut was the most "Polish" of Israel's political parties.

To paraphrase the epithet that Moshe Arens asserts either he didn't use or was misinterpreted, Begin, and his "fighting family" Yohanan Bader, Ben-Eliezer, the two Meridors, Naor, Zeev, Landau and latterly, Yitzhak Shamir consti-



Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir smiles as he votes at the start of the convention. (Brutmann)

## Begin's genie runs wild

YOSEF GOELL

tuted very much of a Polish mafia at the head of what was Israel's leading opposition party for close to 30 years, and its ruling party for the next seven.

From the mid-1950s, however, the bulk of Herut's electorate came from the disaffected parts of the large immigrant groups from the Moslem countries of the Middle East and North Africa. By the 1970s, a large part of its rank and file and local activists were also from that ethnic background.

Observers frequently commented on the political anomaly of the most Polish of Israel's politicians, kiss-the-hand, Warsaw advocate Menachem Begin, successfully turn-

ing into the electoral lodestone for so much of Israel's ethnic, populist protest vote. But there it is: anomaly or not, it was not only a fact but, as Hebrew slang would have it, it was a *fekel-vadai*, a factual fact.

Arik Sharon is not from Casablanca; nor were his moshav parents from Marrakesh; they were as Eastern European as they come. But Sharon's victory at this week's convention was made possible only by his alliance with Moroccan-born David Levy, who was determined at last to make his move to take over the party, and establish at the top what has for so long been true at the bottom: that it was the party of the large North African community,

finally come to political maturity and power.

It is somewhat unfair to judge parties by their conventions. Conventions usually bring out the worst, or the silliest in parties. That is true of American party conventions and it is equally true in Israel.

To tell the truth, since 1977 Labour's conventions have also been marked by a much more pronounced degree of populist rowdiness than had characterized that East European, elitist party over the decades. But the shameful events at this week's Herut convention turned what had begun as a difference in degree into a difference in kind. Rowdiness in Labour's recent conventions had never flared to the heights attained in Herut this week. And it was never directed by the various factions behind the contending party leaders.

The fact that the atmosphere in the Herut convention could be changed, at the flick of a switch as it were, was an indication of the extent to which the seemingly spontaneous hooliganism and violence of the first night was actually part of a calculated political strategy of the David Levy camp.

THE POINT to be made is that Herut hasn't really changed all that much in its convention behaviour.

It may be convenient for Herut's old-timers and second-generation heirs of the Polish tradition to forget, but Herut conventions were frequently marred by rowdiness and violence in the past. The most notable case was in 1966, when a serious challenge to Begin's leadership was mounted by Shmuel Tamir and Eliezer Shostak. At that time, too, hot-headed, blindly loyal Beginites howled down and ejected those who dared to challenge their idol.

But as long as Menachem Begin was around, he could manipulate and control that underlying tendency to extreme emotionalism and violence that has always been characteristic of Revisionism.

But Menachem Begin isn't around anymore to control those emotions, and his successors — Yitzhak Shamir, Moshe Arens, Dan Meridor, Uzi Landau, Ronnie Milo, and his own son Binyamin Ze'ev Begin could not control the convention any more.

it would seem, than they could control the new Herut.

ALL OF THE above has to do with atmosphere, which although important is still only atmosphere. The important fact that has emerged from this convention is that Herut is now a party that is controlled by the populist ethnic and Arab-hating elements that make up the Levy and Sharon camps.

In an interesting role-switch, Arik Sharon attempted to don the mantle of responsible politician working for party unity while Levy, belying his spray-coiffed and elegantly-suited image, descended to ethnic rabble-rousing by plugging away at the theme of Us and Them, barely stopping short of the use of the terms Moroccans and Poles.

Reprehensible as Levy's performance may have been, one could understand it. For the fact is that in the branch elections to the convention, the Levy and Sharon factions had won a clear majority. The Shamir-Arens camp, in what is traditional for all Israel's party machines, then attempted to pack the convention with their own appointees, in order to offset that majority. Sharon's victory on Tuesday night, and his promise of all-out support for the election of Levy rather than Arens as head of the convention's standing committee (which will determine the make-up of the party's central committee, and eventually of its next list of Knesset candidates) showed that the Shamir camp's attempt at dirty politics had failed.

The triumph of populist, grass-roots democracy in Herut should not blind us to the problems it has created for the country. For even in the present state of political schism, Herut is still very much in the running to be Israel's ruling party.

It is hardly necessary to reiterate the danger Sharon constitutes to Israel's polity. It is rare indeed for one person to be so profoundly identified with a catastrophe like the war in Lebanon into which he dragged Begin, his party and all Israel.

If Sharon could be restored to legitimacy by one of Israel's two leading parties, one could also imagine that other Herut catastrophe, former finance minister Yoram Ari-

dor, being restored to legitimacy and a position of power, in a Herut run by Sharon, himself and Levy.

BUT David Levy constitutes no less dangerous a prospect for Israel on two counts. His main — nay, only — stock-in-trade is populist ethnicism. One of the positive developments in Israel's politics of the last decade is the breakthrough of a large and growing number of impressive young politicians with their roots in Moslem countries into the top level of political and governmental power.

Levy, however, together with Tami's Aharon Abuhazzeira, has made a career of being a "professional" Moroccan. This is an extremely dangerous game at a time when ethnic gaps are being palpably reduced but when ethnic sensibilities are also extremely raw. It is a divisive game *par excellence*.

As bad as that is Levy's record. He has been in national politics for close to a quarter of a century and in the cabinet for nearly nine years. His record of performance in those years, however, is almost nil, apart from his extraordinarily effective back-stage political string-pulling.

There are those who tend to make mountains out of the fact that David Levy was one of the few Herut cabinet ministers who dared even mutter when Begin and Sharon unveiled their plans for the war in Lebanon. Levy displayed slightly more political courage than the other yes-men during the Begin imperium. But the mind boggles at the idea of a man with such a record of non-accomplishment having the hutzpa to think of himself as a possible prime minister of a beleaguered Israel.

One may be charged with anti-Moroccan racism for saying this, but the problem is that in a period in which a growing number of Israelis of North African and other Moslem country origins are finally making it in so many fields of Israeli life, David Levy stands for the worst, certainly

not the best, in what that community has to offer.

It stands reiteration. Israel has managed to triumph and to maintain itself in the face of enemies from without and superhuman problems from within primarily because its leadership teams were so much superior to those of its enemies at crucial points in its history. Maintaining that qualitative edge is a matter of supreme importance. Both Sharon and Levy constitute extreme challenges to that need for quality and wisdom at the top.

WHICH BRINGS ME to the good news. The likelihood is that a Herut led by either Levy or Sharon stands less of a chance winning at the polls than a Herut led by the more impressive second generation of young leaders now aligned tactically with the Shamir camp. The electoral stand-off between Herut and Labour that has characterized the last few elections will be broken only by the large floating vote in the middle. And there is good reason to believe that many of those voters will in no circumstances bring themselves to vote for a Herut, headed by either Sharon or Levy.

At another level, turning Herut into a party controlled by a tactical alliance between Sharon and Levy followers with the likelihood that at a second stage Sharon will make every attempt to maneuver Levy out of control, will increase internal Labour Party pressures on Prime Minister Peres not to go through with the rotation of his office in October.

Labour leaders will undoubtedly intensify their argument that Shamir will only serve as a front for a cabinet that will be dominated by Sharon and Levy, and that for Labour to cooperate with such a disaster could cost it dearly at the polls.

This is an argument that may well tip the scales with Peres, who so far has been very hesitant about renegeing on his personal commitment to Shamir over the rotation of power.

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**THERE WERE** two events that will make this week well remembered in our political annals: the cordial welcome given Prime Minister Shimon Peres at the festive opening of the Herut convention and the rejection of the young Begin by a majority of the delegates of the party that Begin *per se* created.

If the years of Likud demonization of the Labour leader seemed to disappear under the magic wand of incumbency, the magic of the Begin name did not appear to do the trick for the principal figure among the sons of the "Fighting Family," whom Herutniks call "the princes." Perhaps the other "princes," like MKs Uzi Landau, Dan Meridor and Gideon Gadot are drawing some conclusions.

Anyone noting the volume and frequency of applause at the convention opening would have noted up three ovations for President Chaim Herzog, three times more than what some of Herut's elected leaders got. No doubt, the delegates were registering their appreciation of Herzog's stamina. He stayed right through to the end, enduring all the fraternal and party speeches filling Binayehi Ha'uma with hot air.

The president, saying national unity should be more than just a catchphrase, urged the Herutniks to adhere to the teachings of Ze'ev Jabotinsky by not only installing an

Arab deputy premier, but also by observing the Revisionist concept of *hadar*, of majesty or splendour. To judge by the following days' antics, his advice fell on deaf ears. Well, Gaston Malka of Petah Tikva had a brief moment of notoriety in the Herut free-for-all, which would not have disgraced a wrestling circus.

Benny Begin showed that he inherited not only his papa's looks, but also his sense of humour. Explaining to Transport Minister Haim Corfa that he keeps in touch with public opinion by riding buses, Begin said his definition of a "pedestrian" is a car owner whose wife has a driver's licence.

**IT'S KNOWN** that Arik is the most popular politician among yordim in the U.S., but it's news that some would endow him with supernatural powers.

The latest issue of *Israel Shelanu*, the most widely circulated Hebrew paper in the U.S., gave front-page play to a story headlined "The Arik Sharon Curse." The story noted that star journalists critical of Sharon's conduct of the Lebanon War have had black clouds over their personal lives, mentioning Eitan Haber, the former *Yediot Aharonot* writer who suffered a death in the family (Haber is now media counsellor to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin); *Ha'aretz* reporter Ze'ev Schiff, who had open heart surgery; and Israel TV's Ehud Ya'ari, whose wife has been in the headlines.

ISRAEL TV's star anchorman, Haim Yavin, must be enjoying an "I told you so" feeling. Fifteen years ago he earned reprimands from his bosses and from the Foreign Ministry for the pointed questions about Nazi connections he asked of Kurt Waldheim, then the newly-elected secretary-general of the UN.

Now that the truth is out, it may be more help than hurt to Waldheim's prospects for winning the Austrian presidency.

## Beware the tiger



Left to right, Haim Yavin, Thomas Pickering and Tamar Kolek.

(Israel Sun, Reuters and Rubinger)

**IF YOU'VE** been wondering where Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek has got to, I can tell you that someone I know bumped into him in a Buddhist temple in Bangkok last week. Teddy and his wife Tamar are celebrating his upcoming 75th birthday (in May) by accepting an invitation to a cruise to the Far East, as reported by *Ha'aretz*, the local supplement of *The Jerusalem Post*. No one need worry that the hyperactive mayor will get bored; I gather that he's taken along a suitcase full of slides and material about Jerusalem with which to instruct his fellow passengers.

**KNESSET** Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Abba Eban learned a lesson about taking a Sabbath holiday from radio news. Phoning our ambassador to Sweden,

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Moshe Erel about arrangements for his imminent visit to Stockholm, where he's due to address the prestigious Council for Foreign Affairs. Eban mentioned that he might not be able to see Swedish Premier Olof Palme. Erel interjected: "Haven't you heard the news?" That's how Eban was among the last to learn of the assassination.

**AT THE** recent session of Labour's political platform committee, convened by MK Micha Harish, a discussion emerged on U.S.-Israel relations. There was talk of the pros and cons of a strategic agreement with

cabinet secretary Yossi Beilin speaking in favour. When someone recalled that Ben-Gurion had been against such a pact, Beilin, the pivot of the "Peres's boys," declared, "So what! I'm for it."

I'm told that U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering has made it a weekly custom to drive up to Jerusalem every Friday after 2 p.m. for a cosy chat with Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a time when there are few interruptions. However, on the eve of the Herut convention, the minister was tied up with party peace-making, which was about as successful as American efforts to bring peace to the Middle East, a subject that undoubtedly figured in the ambassador's talk with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kinche, who met him instead.

## 'Lucky Yitzhak'



Yigael Hurvitz

### MARK SEGAL

assuming the governorship, Hurvitz recalled that his ministry was instrumental in keeping the trade deficit down to \$2.83 billion, while in 1983, during Mandelbaum's term, the imbalance increased to \$4b.

"It's worth pointing out that we never heard a peep of criticism out of the governor during [my successor] Yoram Aridor's term at the Treasury, only lavish praise. So all of a sudden I'm his target. However, I won't delve into that period. What is illuminating is that Mandelbaum chose to ignore my achievements on reducing the trade imbalance, preferring instead to exaggerate the inflation rate."

The former finance minister initially applauded the idea of raising interest rates as a measure of cooling down the economy and reducing consumption. "But the price the country was asked to pay was much too heavy. World-record interest rates have jeopardized the producing sectors. To my deep regret, the events I warned about when I was finance minister have come to pass."

He revealed that when the government held its night-long marathon discussion on the emergency economic programme last July, he and like-minded ministers voted for it on the basis of the promise that interest rates would not top 25 per cent. "If we had known they would soar into the heavens, we might have reserved our support for all aspects of the programme."

The minister argues that high interest rates delivered the *coup de grace* to so many enterprises and institutions. "It's like saying that water in the desert is priceless. We've created a situation where the cost of money has got out of hand. We've kept everyone in check, but allowed the banks to go berserk in reaping in profits. We imposed controls on flour, milk, cooking oil and meat, but not on the money market."

He explains that a country's gross national product is composed of three interlocking elements: wages ("they've really been eroded"), raw materials ("fixed prices") and the cost of capital ("totally open and that's why this triangle is so unstable"). This was compounded by mismanagement, he continues, and the government is much to blame for its faulty stewardship of the country's affairs.

"It's an unbelievable country. The banks are too big for the country's size, the government services are over-expanded, and the local market is too small for our big corporations." Hurvitz would like to bring home to the public that urgent action to preserve the infrastructure is the best investment around, especially when it comes to industry. There is no need to release large amounts of money for this rescue plan. Instead, he urges that the state temporarily take over the assets of the companies it must rescue (but only temporarily, as he takes care to stress time and again) and use the money realized thereby to defray their debts to the banks, as proposed by former Bank of Israel governor Moshe Sanbar.

The banks would then purchase government bonds. The point of this scheme is to facilitate staggering the companies' debts over a number of years at a reasonable interest. He advocates obliging the banks to reduce the charges and commissions which plunged so many companies into such trouble.

HE IS clearly no socialist, but Hurvitz speaks strongly about not allowing Solel Boneh to collapse. "It's got nothing to do with politics or any extraneous consideration. I'm being pragmatic. We cannot afford to allow Solel Boneh to go bust. It's not only the 13,000 families' livelihoods directly involved, but the many tens of thousands of other families whose

**FINANCE MINISTER** Yitzhak Moda'i is extremely lucky to have Shimon Peres as prime minister, according to Minister-without-Portfolio Yigael Hurvitz. "If I had had a fifth of the kind of backing from Premier Begin that Moda'i gets from Peres, I would have considered myself very lucky indeed," he said.

Hurvitz does not feel frustrated in his present cabinet post, because it affords him an opportunity of contributing to saving the economy. He certainly has lots of ministerial experience behind him—16 years in the Knesset, the first Likud minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism (1977-78), and its second finance minister for 18 months (1979-80).

He thinks Moda'i should thank heaven for the kind of support he gets from the premier, which certainly did not exist for him during the Begin years. He acknowledges that every finance minister strives to cut public spending, especially in the social services, and is full of praise for Moda'i's strenuous efforts to cut government spending. "I supported the economic programme from the first. Not only did I vote for it, but I have constantly spoken out for tough measures: unlike some of my cabinet colleagues, who joined in the orange juice toasts and then did their best to undermine public confidence in the rescue measures," Hurvitz says.

What about Moda'i's constant harping on how Peres does his best to protect only Labour ministries from cuts? "That's absolute rubbish," Hurvitz replies. "There's always been a perpetual struggle by education ministers with Treasury budget cuts, and the same goes for the others. True, defence has been cut, but not as much as is claimed. But that there was any cut in

defence spending at all must be put to Yitzhak Rabin's credit. It's difficult to grasp why Moda'i should make any such criticism of Peres. If I'd had 20 per cent of the support Moda'i gets from Peres I'd have succeeded. Yes, if Begin had given me the kind of backing that Peres gives Moda'i, I'd have remained at the Treasury.... You know, Begin was disinterested in money matters and gave little thought to economics. He thought we were intent on giving the public a hard time, and wanted to ease the load. Nor did Begin really accept my warnings about the economic dangers in the offing. If he had really thought about them, he would have put all his weight behind my efforts, of that I'm sure."

**MONDAY'S NEWSPAPERS** reported on his clash with Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum at Sunday's cabinet meeting. They reported that he had lashed out at Mandelbaum's high interest-rate policy, claiming it was ruining the country.

According to one report, the governor reacted by accusing Hurvitz of having damaged the country during his term at the Treasury by allowing inflation to double. While refusing comment on proceedings at cabinet meetings, the minister claimed that Mandelbaum never uttered such an accusation at the meeting, but someone had probably leaked the report to the press.

As to the substance of the charge, Hurvitz pointed out that inflation during his term of office rose from 133 per cent to 151 per cent. This was caused by the soaring of oil prices to a record-breaking \$42 per barrel in 1980. In 1980, prior to Mandelbaum

**SOME PEOPLE** define a politician as a man who thinks clearly standing up. That may exclude Tourism Minister Avraham (Abrasha) Sharir, who must have made more enemies than friends in his speech in Eilat to inaugurate Club Mediterranée's 176th holiday village, the Coral Beach. Greeting familiar faces in the hall, Sharir mentioned newspaper editors and Yigael Hurvitz. The other VIP guests he omitted: former tourism minister Moshe Kol, O.C. Central Command Ehud Barak, Tel Aviv University president Prof. Moshe Many, Shamir's top aide, Avi Pazner, Stock Exchange council head Haim Stoessel, Mrs. Paula Moss and Rabel Dayan, not forgetting Aluf (Res.) Mordechai (Motta) Limon, managing director of the General Bank, owned by the big Club Med shareholder Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

French Ambassador Jacques Dupont spoke of the success of Club Med president Gilbert Trigano in promoting France's image; and the affable French Jewish tycoon (of Algerian origin) spoke of Israel's special place in his heart and warmly eulogized the late Noah Mosses. The *Yediot Aharonot* publisher brought Trigano to Israel 26 years ago.

Enjoying the relaxed "kibbutz de luxe" ambience were the three Nakas brothers of Jordache fame (Joe, Ari and Moshe) and Club Med executives such as charming P.R. chief Patricia Mortaigne and its Israel director, Claude Mascaret.

**THE GENEVA** Jewish community is wondering why within one week local fund-raising chief Nessim Gaon brought there Alignment Knesset faction head Rafi Eidi and Defence Minister Rabin. I gather that after a visit to other European countries, the minister agreed to speak in Geneva, before going on to the winter sports resort of Gstaad for the weekend, where he joined his wife

Lea as guests at Jerusalemite Gita Sherover's chalet.

**BACK HOME** the Rabins joined Peres as guests of honour at the supper party given at the Tel Aviv Hilton to mark the gala Israel Philharmonic benefit concert for Beth Hatefutsoth and Sheba Hospital at \$500 a plate. The hosts were Faigie and Rubin Zimmerman of Montreal and Kfar Shmaryahu. Hilton manager Peter van der Vliet and his staff excelled themselves for the event.

Peres, who had driven down from the Herut convention, found it quite a change from sitting between David Levy and Yoram Aridor to have lively Faigie Zimmerman and Junoesque, blonde mezzo soprano Kimball Wheeler as neighbours. The singer thrilled the guests with her voice, as she had enthralled the audience at the IPO premiere of *Memorial Candles*, a symphony by American Jewish composer Benjamin Lees to the poetry of Nobel laureate Nellie Sachs.

Young Australian conductor Geoffrey Simon was overjoyed to encounter an old schoolmate from Melbourne Grammar, Mary Clare, wife of IPO violinist Moshe Murvitz, who was a soloist at the concert.

**ANOTHER** big party this week was the buffet supper held in the home of Tel Aviv University executive chairman Benno Eidi and his wife Alice in honour of famed plastic surgeon Prof. Ivo Pitanguy, who received an honorary Ph.D. from TAU. At the award ceremony, TAU president Prof. Moshe Many said: "Brazil is famous in music for Villa Lobos, in football for Pele, in art for Candido Portinari, and in surgery for Ivo Pitanguy." When Many reached the Eidi home, his host thanked him for enhancing the value of the large Portinari painting over his stairway. The guest of honour told me he had performed 60,000 operations during his 30-year career.

breadwinners depend on Solel Boneh in various ways," he declares passionately. Hurvitz recalls in this connection how Ronald Reagan's Republicans came to the rescue of Chrysler, because of the ramifications of such a giant going bust.

Kupat Holim is in a different category. "It's time to pass the health insurance nationalization bill. We must assist Kupat Holim to sell its properties and assets. All the health funds should be nationalized. You know, even Moda'i says that the Histadrut health organization is better administered than the state medical services."

Hurvitz belongs to a founding family of Nahalal, the first moshav, and is a long-time resident of Kfar Warburg. Thus he speaks with authority on the crisis in cooperative farming. He concedes that not all the regional purchasing agencies of the moshavim have been properly run, and the same goes for the farming cooperatives.

However, the minister strongly warns against a trend to try to disband the cooperative structure of Israeli farming: "I'm acquainted with the system since childhood. I know that without the cooperative system all our agriculture would collapse. What is needed is a drastic reorganization of the purchasing societies and of a number of cooperative associations. But to do away with the entire system would be an historic folly."

The advantages of the moshav system to the individual farmer are the mutual aid and credit facilities. However, if each farmer went his own way, the banks would immediately pounce on their farmsteads, and we'd have the kind of sorry scenes that are sweeping American farming. I do sense political calculations among those seeking to sweep away cooperative farming, but they also have a short-sighted view of our agriculture."

In Hurvitz's view, the moshav movement must put its house in order and impose strict controls over its components, possibly with outside assistance. He feels farmers must be helped to spread out their short-term debts with reasonable interest. Hurvitz is convinced that

Israel's farmers could overcome their current difficulties, but this hinges on a sensible monetary policy of the central bank. "I know of farmers who have an annual turnover of between \$80,000 to \$100,000 and they end the year with a deficit, because of the interest burden."

Hurvitz dwells on troubles arising from so many firms having to defray development loans to the tune of \$700 million in 1985 by taking short-term loans at very steep rates. If these firms' interest load is not lightened, they could fail, he warns.

**IT WAS** in this regard that the minister revealed his unwitting role in the mounting difficulties of the Histadrut sector. For years, an agreement existed between the government and Hevrat Ha'ovdim whereby the company was allowed to tap 50 per cent of the billions deposited in the trade union pension and provident funds as an easy source of investment capital, which was disposed of by Bank Hapoalim. This accorded the Histadrut economy a marked advantage over other sectors and the Histadrut banking house over all other banks.

When Hurvitz was finance minister, the deadline came up for renewing the five-year-old agreement. The late Bank Hapoalim chairman, Ya'acov Levinson, asked him to renew the agreement, but he did not. "My motive was to accord access to this source of money to all the banks, which would channel development loans to everyone. It is to my lasting regret that, while I was involved in the first stage of suspending the one-sided agreement, I was out of office by the time the phase was reached of allocating development loans. Instead, the finance minister (Yoram Aridor) grabbed all the funds and used them for current budgeting."

"What happened was the creation of a huge hole in the availability of development funds. This led to last year's situation, when so many firms had to borrow high-cost, short-term loans to settle their old development loans. I'll always be sorry that I set the process going, but was unable to complete it — and thus prevent the disastrous results."

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# Bye-bye Bulman – and good riddance

TELEREVIEW / Philip Gillon

IN THE final scene in *Bulman*, the omnipotent villain, running his far-flung empire of crime from inside one of Her Majesty's goals, clears out all Bulman's stock of antique clocks and hangs a figure wearing a Purim mask, Bulman's decrepit clothes and revolting gloves, in the bedroom.

I could not make out whether the hanged was a real person or an effigy, and I did not care much either way; this was an unimportant detail. The point that super-hood was making was clear: George Bulman was all washed up in England. He and Lucy got the message: they decided to take the fast plane to China.

Incidentally, I suggest that they stop on the way in Hongkong, and pick up some digital watches. I am sure that these would provide a far better living than George is earning from those clocks he is trying to flog, with never a single customer. Short of the villains hanging Bulman in person, I cannot think of a better denouement to the series.

A surprisingly large number of people, for whose opinions I normally entertain the highest respect – that is, whenever they endorse my views 100 per cent – had the temerity to disagree with me about *Bulman*. They maintained that the second series was superior to the first, that it was gripping, subtle and easily understood by the meanest intelligence, and that it was my fault that I could not follow this high-class British product.

My first reaction was to think, as Bulman would have said in his execrably pronounced Latin, "*De gustibus non est disputandum*" (there is no disputing about taste). But then I decided that everybody is entitled to a second chance, just as every dog is entitled to a second bite, so I watched the succeeding episodes with the type of unceasing vigilance that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin insists on our exercising on the Syrian frontier.

The devil of it is that the first episode after my review was particularly good. What is more, I followed almost all the intricacies of the plot; and every string apparently left hanging loose was eventually tied up neatly.

Most viewers, even the Bulman addicts, will have forgotten by now what the episode was all about, so I will refresh their memories. There was this American, MacLeod, claiming to be a diplomat, who wanted to get a loving-cup that he said had been stolen from the clan MacLeod in the time of the troubles, when Butcher Cumberland laid waste the Highlands.

I twiggled early on that he was an impostor, and that he was really a gentle grafter named Greenstein, whom Bulman had once hunted but had never met. I also guessed that Bulman was persecuting a crook named Patterson for £263 that Patterson owed him so as to get Patterson to steal from Greenstein.

The only thing that was never explained was why Greenstein went to such extraordinary lengths to get his hands on the loving-cup. Had it belonged to the clan MacLeod in the 15th century, and had it then been stolen from the clan during some pogrom or other? Did he want it for *kiddush* on the family's Friday night dinners or for the Sabbath in Sing-Sing?

THE NEXT episode was exceptionally bad. This was the one in which the Scottish-Italian villain wants to drive all the take-home dineries and fish-n-chips stalls out of business so people will be forced to overpay vast prices in his restaurants for wines; so he pretends he has a wicked brother who uses strong-arm methods to smash up the little businesses. Enter Bulman, a knight in shining armour come to the rescue.

He is the first such knight I have ever seen who takes a quick kip in the car when he is supposed to be protecting a client, so the client gets beaten up, and our watchdog does not even get the number of the hoods' getaway car. It was idiotic

stuff, but I must concede that the plot was as simple as Simple Simon.

Now we come to the final episode which we saw on Monday night. A.P. Herbert once referred to the 13th stroke of a crazy clock, which discredits not only itself, but all other strokes that went before. This last episode of *Bulman* was such absolute nonsense that it discredited any previous episode that ever seemed to have made some sense.

Sergeant Bill Allison is shot by a bank robber named Tober McSweeney the Gate, and manages to identify his murderer before he dies. The snag is that the Gate is serving a long sentence in gaol.

So Bulman is put into gaol on a trumped-up, very thin charge, with the connivance of the execrable Dugdale, the head of M15, or whatever his department is called. To give the deception added verisimilitude, and also for the sheer fun of a double-cross, Dugdale arranges to get Bulman two years instead of the agreed six months. This convinces the crooks in gaol that he is no longer on the side of the angels, so they make him their confidante about all the bank robberies they are organizing.

Dugdale, as is the custom of all M15 heads in England, leaves his confidential papers lying around in a drawer in his desk. His office, of course, is unguarded. So Lucy breaks in, steals his documents and blackmails him into getting Bulman a reprieve. Bulman gives away the Manchester caper, a whole gang are caught, to the regret of the master criminal – hence Bulman is driven off to Peking. Incidentally, all that happens to the Gate is that Bulman gives him a sock in the teeth.

How on earth anyone ever expected this mad scheme to work, and why the villains fell for it to the extent that they did, passeth the bounds of human understanding. There is an old rule for watching theatre or film: it need not be possible, but it must be probable within the framework of the play or script. Then we can suspend disbelief. This was never possible with this final episode of junk.

THE WHOLE of Israel has doubtless been waiting on tenterhooks for me to express my views about the return of the grapefruit advertisement. Everyone wants to know if they stimulate in me irresistible sexual urges or merely a desire to devour grapefruit, either in its natural spheroid shape or as a glass of juice.

At the moment, it is somewhat difficult for me to organize any thoughts on the subject objectively, because I have just spent a long week-end at an ITC tennis clinic at the Sonesta Hotel in Taba. One side-benefit of improving my tennis at this clinic was that many women went topless on the beach and at the pool. Their doing so never made me think once of grapefruit; but even now memories linger on and make the covered bosoms of the grapefruit girls seem like very small change.

At the risk of getting into deep trouble with a group of women I revere – the spokespersons for feminism – I venture to suggest that the campaign against the grapefruit ad is rather exaggerated. A man in an Aldous Huxley novel once noted that women with shapely breasts insisted on his admiring their brains, while women with keen minds demanded appreciation of their mammaries. With all due respect, I think that it is possible to admire both without derogating either.

It seems to me absurd for the feminists, who are generally also progressive and liberal, to adopt positions that appear to put them in the camp of the Mrs. Grundies and the obscurantists who want to deny our pleasures. I once asked an economist what his reaction was to Israel's New Economic Policy of that

particular era – I forget which policy it was. He said that it made him think about sex. "Sex? Why?" "Everything makes me think about sex."

A stand against using attractive women's figures in advertisements becomes all too easily a stand against sex. Admiration for physical beauty is an esthetic value that was part of the glory that was Greece, the basis of our liberal culture and civilization. Deny us the right to admire shapeliness in women and you deny almost all art, sculpture, poetry and drama. If in addition to appreciating art shapes, we eat some grapefruit, I understand that the fruit contains more vitamin C than almost anything else consumed by man (or woman).

WE WERE taken on an amazing trip along the Amazon basin in *Second Look*. I must confess that Freddie Gruber's remarkable film taught me things about the resources of this vast and mysterious area that I had never known, such as that it contains a quarter of the planet's trees and a third of the fresh water supplies. About the richness of the fauna and flora I had known. We were given spine-chilling warnings that efforts by the Brazilian government to exploit these resources will change the ecology of the world.

After the film we were shown a supplementary documentary about

how it is now the "in" thing for young Israelis to explore the Amazon basin. After finishing their army service, they work for a year and then set off with their haversacks to seek Eldorado, sometimes spending up to a year on the search. The handwritten guidebooks in Hebrew, which are passed from hand to hand, were very amusing; and the partings of the adventurers from their bourgeois parents were also very curious. What a restless and vigorous nation we are! More than ever I am reminded of the Elizabethans.

THE TENNIS serial, *Break Point*, is moving towards the last match. So far, Brian, the aggressive McEnroe-like young cockney, has not yet started to win any matches.

In its understated way, this film is far more than a fictional description of the beginning of a tennis career: it has several social and psychological insights. We get a clear view of the snobbery that has done so much harm to British tennis and which has resulted in the paradox of the country running the world's most prestigious tournament having no candidates to win titles there.

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# Sigh of relief in Brussels

By ROBERT BURNS / Brussels

EVEN THOUGH a plebiscite has reaffirmed its NATO membership, Spain is not expected to take a more active role in the alliance. It has never been part of NATO's integrated military structure, and has banned nuclear weapons on its territory.

Yet, officials at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization seemed to breathe a sigh of relief at learning that Spaniards voted Wednesday to stay in NATO. Though the Spanish vote had little importance militarily, the alliance was saved an embarrassing political blow to its unity at an important juncture in U.S.-Soviet arms control talks.

"I am, of course, delighted at the outcome," NATO Secretary-General Lord Carrington said in a statement. "I know I reflect the feelings of all other members in welcoming the result."

No other NATO member has ever held a referendum on staying in the alliance.

But the outcome of the vote will not, at least in the foreseeable future, mean a broader NATO role for Spain, which became a member in 1982.

Two of the conditions of its continued membership, as called for in Wednesday's referendum, were that Spain remain free of nuclear weapons and that it not join NATO's integrated military command.

"I don't foresee any moves in the next few years to significantly alter Spain's relationship with NATO," said Martin McCusker, director of the military committee of the North Atlantic Assembly, an advisory group of parliamentarians from the 16 NATO nations.

McCusker called the vote results "tremendously positive for NATO," by averting what would have been the first defection from the Western alliance. But he said it had no effect on NATO's military stance.

Spain is not the only NATO member to limit its participation in the alliance. Denmark and Norway refuse to allow the permanent stationing of allied troops or nuclear weapons on their soil. And France,

which has its own nuclear force, is not in the NATO military structure.

But Spain is the only non-nuclear member of the alliance that also refuses to integrate its armed forces with those of its fellow allies.

In the eyes of many of its NATO partners, Spain's independent military stand is a rejection of one of the fundamental principles of the North Atlantic Treaty that established NATO in 1949 — that each member accept responsibility for the security of its fellow allies.

Spanish forces do not participate in joint NATO maneuvers held regularly throughout Europe to test the troops, their equipment and the ability of national commanders to work smoothly together.

And unlike the other large countries in the alliance, Spain keeps no troops in West Germany, the symbolic frontline against the Warsaw Pact.

Because it has kept its more than

300,000 army, navy and air force troops outside the NATO structure, Spain has no representatives at the alliance's military headquarters in southwest Belgium.

Iceland, which has no armed forces of its own, is the only other member country with no personnel at NATO's military nerve center. But Iceland was a founding member of the alliance, and in its strategic position close to the Arctic Circle it serves as a mid-Atlantic bridge between the North American and European NATO allies.

France is the only other country that is not part of NATO's joint military command, but it maintains a permanent mission at the alliance's military headquarters and is involved in many other ways in NATO defense efforts. Its nuclear forces also give it a special status in NATO.

Spain, like all the other member countries, participates in NATO's political deliberations, coordinated at its Brussels headquarters.

But by refusing to become a full partner in the alliance, it has earned the reputation as one of the least important NATO members, belying its



Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez urging a 'yes' vote.

rank as the fifth largest industrial power in Western Europe.

Spain's armed forces are not as well equipped as those of the other large European NATO countries, experts say. And its defense spending, at 2.4 per cent of its economic output in 1984, was well below the 5.3 per cent NATO average.

Some officials say the issue of whether Spain would remain in NATO

was much less important than the future of its ties to the U.S.

"The military value that the alliance derives from Spanish membership is in large part a function of the U.S.-Spanish relationship," said McCusker.

Lord Carrington and others have said Spaniards' dubious feeling about NATO stems from an anti-American sentiment. Spaniards re-

sent that an agreement under which the U.S. controls four military bases in Spain was arranged during the dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco.

At Spain's insistence, negotiations began last year with the U.S. on reducing the 12,500 U.S. troops on Spanish soil. They are at a naval base at Rota and three air force bases at Moron, Zaragoza and Torrejon.

## IN SOUTH AFRICA Whites turn to vigilante action

By PETER KENNY / Krugersdorp

SOUTH Africa's extreme right-wing white supremacist movement, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), has defied a call by the country's police chief not to form its own armed vigilante force to fight mushrooming black militancy.

The act of defiance comes amid signs of the growth of white terror tactics in reaction to continued black rebellion against the apartheid system of racial discrimination.

Eugene Terreblanche, the AWB's demagogic leader, attacked South Africa's tough police chief, General Johan Coetzee, at a weekend rally of his growing organization that ended Sunday outside the mining town of Krugersdorp, some 40 kilometres from Johannesburg.

When Terreblanche recently announced the formation of his "firewatch" vigilante force known as the *Brandwag*, police warned whites not to take the law into their own hands, but to join the police reserve.

But during the week, General Coetzee warned that no member of the AWB could join regular or reserve units of the police.

Terreblanche, himself a former policeman, lashed out at the police chief at a rally of his faithful here, saying whites had no alternative but to establish movements like the *Brandwag*.

"General Coetzee will have the blood of innocent people on his head because of this," Terreblanche roared to his cheering followers.

THE RALLY was part of the growing backlash by some of South Africa's white minority to 18 months of black revolt that has left more than 1,200 people — mainly black — dead.

Black unrest has increasingly spilled over into white areas, separated from black under the apartheid system, with a mounting number of attacks against whites, including the laying of landmines, planting of bombs and stonings.

Since September 1984, 24 whites have died in the violence.

Residents of the black township of Kagiso near here have complained of masked whites dressed in civilian clothes and some dressed in police-type uniforms conducting raids, beating up residents with truncheons, pick-handles, *sjamboks* (whips) and rifle butts.

Police strongly denied any of their members were involved and said they were investigating thoroughly.

There have been reports of whites shooting at black pedestrians from cars in this area where few blacks or whites smile at each other.

The backlash erupted in this region after two white policemen from



Eugene Terreblanche, leader of the extreme right-wing AWB leading a procession of his followers.

here were killed by hundreds of black miners at an illegal gathering nearby in January. Eight black miners were killed in the police response.

ABOUT 10,000 white residents of this town have petitioned the government to keep past promises and remove the black township of Munsieville to the other side of town.

There is only a road and a piece of open ground between Munsieville, the 40-year-old black township, and the white suburb of Dan Pienaarville, only four years old.

The impoverished residents of Munsieville have seen tarred roads laid rapidly in Dan Pienaarville, but they still tramp dusty streets. They say their anger in turn grows at the white backlash.

The local white member of parliament for the area, Leon Wessels, of President Pieter Botha's ruling National Party, has been described at successive meetings by the far-right as a traitor to his Afrikaner people.

A local Afrikaans-language newspaper quoted him as saying: "There is a new generation of blacks in South Africa who do not fear death. They are prepared to die for what they regard as freedom."

But judging by the words and actions of the AWB, which means Afrikaner resistance movement, its white supporters are also prepared to die for the retention of apartheid, which they see as their freedom.

At a recent protest meeting in Krugersdorp, town councillor Chris Viljoen said: "I challenge him (Botha) to abolish apartheid. That move will bring about the biggest bloodbath of all time."

Terreblanche, who rode into this weekend's rally escorted by an armed cavalry guard with swastika-like flashes on their shoulders, warned mixed race people in parliament not to accuse his movement of being white terrorists.

"Do they know what would really happen if we were white terrorists?" he asked. (AFP)

## I say ...

I don't think the kids are stupid. Give them a good school, good discipline and good teaching and they will go to school. — Norman Tebbit, MP, Chairman of the Conservative Party, on London truancy.

The only reason people want to buy clothes is to get laid. — Katharine Hamnett, fashion designer.

One needs a wife more than ever at my age. It seems to me to be useful to have a wife who can type. — Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, on marrying his former secretary at 78.

If a guy could be raped, that's the

way I feel. — Mayor Edward Koch of New York.

The world saw and recorded a people who knelt in the path of oncoming tanks and subdued with embraces of friendship the battle-hardened troops sent to disperse them. — President Corason Aquino of the Philippines.

A world thirsty for peace and justice has become poorer. — Willy Brandt on the assassination of Olof Palme.

The fact is that being Communist simply isn't chic any more. — Lucio Colletti, philosophy professor at Rome University and former Communist.

London Observer News Service

## Swiss vote on joining UN

By LIESL GRAZ  
Geneva

ON Sunday Switzerland held its referendum on whether it should join the United Nations. It is the first time the question has been put to the citizens of any country, and opinion here is cut straight down the middle with no clear pattern emerging. Even the parties are split, particularly on the right.

When the UN was founded in 1945, there was no question of Switzerland joining — the UN was the club for the victorious Allies of World War II. Little by little, membership became the seal of fully-fledged independence, and when the two Germanies made it to the UN in 1973, this signalled the end of the era of defeat was erased. Austria, Sweden and Finland, neutrals all, were by then members.

There have, in fact, been no obstacles to Swiss membership since. However, parliament and government were not very sure that the voting public was ready to take such a step. They are still far from sure, but as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Edouard Brunner said this week: "After 40 years of ambiguity, it is time to clarify the situation."

The opponents' main argument is that joining the UN would weaken Switzerland's absolute neutrality despite the examples of other neutral

countries and solemn assurances that Switzerland's adherence to the UN would be accompanied by a formal declaration that, whatever happens, that neutrality would be respected.

It would neither need to vote with any block nor would it be forced to send peace-keeping troops to troubled areas; but then no UN member country is — the provision of blue berets is always voluntary.

THERE ARE also those who fear for Switzerland's reputation as a neutral peacekeeper; as representative of countries not speaking to each other (it is, for example, the caretaker of British interests in Argentina); or for Geneva's standing as an international meeting place. Some, but not the Red Cross itself, say that UN membership could interfere with the credibility of the International Committee of the Red Cross in dealing with both sides in a conflict.

In the absence of any evidence, all these assertions are largely camouflage for an underlying holier-than-

thou attitude laced with tinges of xenophobia.

The main argument for joining is that with the UN becoming a universal organization, staying out no longer makes any sense. Besides, whatever the pureness of Swiss political neutrality, the country is economically implicated in the world around it.

SWITZERLAND did join the League of Nations in 1920. A comfortable majority of voters said "aye," but it was a close race in the cantons; any referendum requires a double majority of citizens and cantons to be adopted.

The country also belongs to most of the specialized agencies of the UN, many of which, like the International Labour Organization, have their headquarters in Geneva. The European office of the UN is also housed in Geneva in the uncomfortable 1930s sprawl of the League of Nations with functional modern extensions.

Non-membership has not kept several hundred Swiss from working for the new UN and its agencies. The last two directors of the GATT — the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs — have been Swiss, and so is the UN high commissioner for refugees. (London Observer Service)

## Bad case of libel

By DENIS HERBSTEN  
London

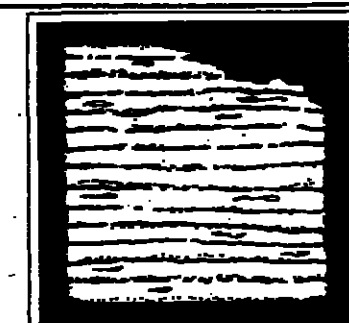
whether what he wrote was true.

Penguin sold 15,000 copies of the book in Britain, the U.S. and many African countries, including Zimbabwe and Kenya. There was also a Dutch-language edition. The respected, left-of-centre reputation of Penguin gave the book and its allegations greater credibility.

When the litigation started, Pen-

guin were hampered by the fact that Winter could not come to Britain to defend himself. He is liable to arrest here for, as admitted in his book, faking British passports for Boss agents working in Africa, among other potential charges. The publishers should have known from the beginning that he was not going to be either a reliable or an available witness. Instead, his absence meant long and costly delays in settling cases.

In the aftermath, it is impossible to know whether Winter's book was as genuine as he could make it, or a clever piece of disinformation intended to unnerve those in the anti-apartheid struggle. He is now living in Morocco, writing a book to be called *Rogue's Guide to Tangiers*. Penguin are not thought to be the publishers. (London Observer Service)



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A NEW LAYER has been added to the structure of Arab mythology on the causes of the mass flight of "refugees" in 1948. In an article in the London journal *Middle East Studies* — on which *The Jerusalem Post* published an extensive report (March 2) — Benny Morris asserts that there are two conflicting versions of the flight: the Israeli version that the Arab leaders asked or ordered the "Palestinian masses" to flee; and the Arab contention that "the Jewish community in Palestine mounted a planned, systematic campaign of expulsion already in the first months of the war."

This definition of the confrontation sounds plausible — but is completely false. The conflict of evidence is not between these two versions. The conflict is between the Arabs' own unvarnished contemporary 1948 version — that their leaders had told them to leave — and the falsehood they concocted later: of an expulsion by the Jews. The Israeli "contention" is little more than a recital of the Arabs' own accounts in 1948 — supported by the reports of outside observers.

SOON AFTER the first Arab attacks on Jews, many of the wealthier Arabs made a leisurely departure without any urging; and, as *The Times* (London) correspondent reported on May 5, 1948, their "poor example" was followed by "an exodus from Jerusalem, too, though not to the same extent as in Jaffa and Haifa."

Haifa, as it happened, provided the most publicized example of the main motivation for the flight. Three weeks before the Arab states invaded Palestine the Jewish forces in Haifa, after some brisk fighting, took over the city and proposed a truce. The Jewish authorities made every effort, as the British Police HQ reported, "to persuade the Arab populace to stay and carry on with their normal lives." These exhortations continued for days — but to no avail. The Arabs departed *en masse* and in quite orderly fashion. "Va-

rious factors," commented the London *Economist*, "influenced their decision.... There is but little doubt that the most potent of the factors were the announcements made over the air by the Higher Arab Executive urging the Arabs to quit." (October 2).

The Palestinian Arab leader, Jamal Husseini, described their departure to the UN Security Council (April 23): "The Arabs did not want to submit to a truce.... They rather preferred to abandon their homes, their belongings and everything they possessed and leave the town."

The Haifa Arab leaders themselves told their Jewish counterparts that the whole country would anyhow soon be occupied by the Arab armies and the Arabs of Haifa would come back in their wake.

Summing up the months of the exodus, George Hakim, the leading Christian Arab bishop in Palestine (and no friend of the Jews) told a Beirut newspaper: "The refugees were confident they would return within a week or two. Their leaders had promised them that the Arab armies would crush 'the Zionist gangs' very quickly and there was no need for panic or fear of a long exile." (*Sada al Janub*, August 16, 1948).

Most expressive was the recollection by one of the Arabs who had himself fled. He wrote in the Jordan daily *Ad-Difaa*: "The Arab governments told us: Get out so that we can get in. So we got out, but they did not get in." (September 6, 1954).

ANYBODY TRYING to bolster the lie of a mass expulsion must moreover contend with the circumstance that the Arab leaders who, while the flight was in progress, delivered fiery speeches against Zionism (like Azzam Pasha at the Arab League and Jamal Husseini at the UN) did not even hint that the Arabs were being expelled by the Jews. Nor did any of the scores of newspapermen covering the war on both sides "notice" anything of the

sort. *The Times*, virulently anti-Zionist, reported from Palestine extensively and, during that period, published 11 editorial articles on the war. Not a mention of expulsions. Why should there be any? After all, everybody knew that the Arabs were simply relocating temporarily.

Indeed, the only jarring note in the Arabs' story of the flight is the subsequent disagreement between those who blamed the local Arab

leaders and those who blamed the Arab League.

The dimensions of the hoax the Arabs later perpetrated is miraculously encapsulated in two separate statements by a Palestinian Arab leader — Emil Ghoury, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee. On September 6, 1948, he said to the *Daily Telegraph*:

"The fact that there are these refugees is the direct consequence of

the action of the Arab states in opposing partition and the Jewish state. The Arab states agreed upon this policy unanimously and they must share in the solution of the problem."

Later on, when the expulsion lie had become established national policy, the same Emil Ghoury told the UN Special Political Committee (November 17, 1960): "It has been those [Zionist] acts of terror, accom-

panied by wholesale depredations, which caused the exodus of the Palestine Arabs."

BY IGNORING the incontrovertible facts, pretending that the Arabs had never condemned themselves out of their own mouths, and then presenting their fabrication as a respectable contention to be weighed on equal terms with Israel's truth — it is possible to put on a pair of scholarly spectacles and to proclaim pontifically that "the truth lies somewhere between the two." This is what Morris has done.

He brings what purports to be supporting evidence. He has, it seems, discovered a document — a report prepared in the IDF Intelligence Branch in June 1948 — that is, when the Arab flight was still at its height. The document, he reveals, had mysteriously reached the private files of the late Aharon Cohen — a noted left-wing Mapam ideologue — where it had lain untouched for 37 years. This document, says Morris, "thoroughly undermines both the official Israeli and Arab explanations of the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem."

More than once in his article, he uses the somewhat bombastic term "undermines." However, even from the perspective of his initially false thesis, his selected references to the document would not undermine a chicken-coop.

To demonstrate the "undermining" of the "official Israeli historiography" on the specific subject of Arab responsibility for the bulk of the flight, the only relevant statement he derives from the document is that the exodus was contrary to the political-strategic desires of both the Arab Higher Committee and the governments of the neighbouring Arab states.

Were this assessment of Arab policy valid and accurate, it would still prove nothing of what might happen in the course of its implementation. In fact, this assessment is nonsensical. The Arab states' political-strategic objectives were no

secret. Already during the UN debate in the fall of 1947, their spokesmen announced in lurid terms that they would fight to prevent the birth of a Jewish state. They never thereafter concealed or camouflaged their purpose — sometimes indeed adding genocidal overtones. The day of their invasion — May 15 — was fixed long before. It was perfectly reasonable of them to ask the Palestinian Arab population to "get out of the way" of their armies for the brief period they would need — as they firmly believed — to "drive the Jews into the Mediterranean." And that is what they did.

THERE WERE, of course, also Arabs who no doubt fled out of sheer panic; and nobody ever suggested that every single Arab left for patriotic reasons. What, however, in Morris' report, happens to the Arab charge that the Jews "expelled" etc.? If the "truth lies somewhere between the two," the clear implication is that the document he found somehow provides partial justification for the Arab charge.

Just here there is a plum in the pudding. Morris reveals that the document attributed "2 per cent of the exodus to orders of expulsion by the Hagana."

Two per cent? This sounds rather mouse-like to justify the claim of "undermining Israeli historiography" — which denies there was any mass expulsion. Evidently this incongruity became apparent to Morris himself. Whereupon, after the whole *tararum* of the terribly important secret report, and the sensational discovery, Morris submits its most crucial item to a Higher Authority: and the higher authority pronounces the report is wrong: the percentage, it says, is "closer to 5 per cent." Who is the higher authority? Benny Morris.

Starting with his false definition, and ending with his contradicting his own source, Morris has proved nothing, and "undermined" nothing. He has only provided a little Jewish grist for the Arab propaganda mills.

## The mass expulsion lie

SHMUEL KATZ



Palestinian Arab leaders Jamal Husseini (left) and Emil Ghoury

(AP)

## Going to extremes

KNESSET SPOTLIGHT / Aryeh Rubinstein

renounced the award of the civil court. It then denied her a divorce on the grounds that there had been no change in the circumstances that would warrant a change in their original decision.

THE QUESTION of who is qualified to serve as a *dayan* is of fundamental importance, stated Rabbi Menachem Hacohen (Alignment). "Anyone who does not identify with the State of Israel, and who is not part of its pains and joys, cannot be an arbiter in this sensitive, unique area (divorce and its concomitants) without arousing hatred against himself."

Burg, in his opening speech, noted that while the number of files in the rabbinical courts increased by 30 per cent in the past four years, budget cuts had necessitated a reduction in the number of court employees.

Burg was in an unenviable position. He surely agrees with, and is pained by, the truth of much of the criticism of the rabbinical courts. But how could he admit this to the Knesset? It is not surprising that he devoted only three or four sentences of his reply to this subject, and these were hardly convincing. Some of the defects cited he attributed to in-

adequate budgets and other objective factors, such as the poor physical conditions under which many rabbinical courts must function. As for the rest, the most he could say in their defence was that "every judicial system judges in accordance with its own code." But Rosen-Zvi presumably knows that, too.

BURG BEGAN his opening speech with an anecdote about a conversation between Ben-Gurion and the outstanding Talmud scholar, Rabbi Avraham Karelitz, in Bnei Brak in October 1952. Ben-Gurion asked Karelitz, known as the Hazon Ish, how religious and non-religious Jews would manage to live together in this country. And the Agudat Yisrael mentor replied:

"There is a *halacha* that when two camels approach one another on a narrow path, where there is only room for one of them to pass, the camel carrying a burden has priority and the camel without a burden must make way. We religious carry a heavy burden of Torah study, the observance of *mitzvot*, such as the Sabbath and kashrut. Hence, the others must make way for us."

Burg commented that if Ben-Gurion had put the same question to

him, he would have replied with "other formulae." (For whatever it's worth, that remark does not appear in the booklet with the speech distributed to Knesset members.) Even without that comment, Burg-watchers know that his world-view is far from that of the Hazon Ish, who wanted no truck with the secularists and was frank enough to say so. The attitude of the Hazon Ish towards secular education was not that of Burg, who studied at the Universities of Leipzig and Berlin and also received rabbinical ordination at the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary. Burg wants co-existence, whereas the Hazon Ish did not, at least not in the same sense. "We must build bridges," Burg said. "We must not widen the gap." Then why, pray tell, did he recount the story at all?

Burg was practically asking for the rejoinder of Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement). Since that meeting, she said, the burden of the religious establishment had shrunk to "issuing responsa on the brushing of one's teeth on Shabbat." At the same time, the secular public assumed the burden of reviving the Hebrew language, the development of literature and culture, and the absorption of aliya.

RABBI HACHOEN said that Burg bears a good deal of responsibility for the co-existence problem, because "You, the leader of the National Religious Party, let yourself be dragged along by the extremism that is the antithesis of religious Zionism."

Hacohen was referring particularly to the post-1977 period, when Agudat Yisrael joined the government coalition, and the NRP backed it in its far-reaching demands for religious legislation. Burg denied Hacohen's charge, but the NRP's "eyes-right" syndrome is no unfounded political accusation. In fact, the theme of Moshe Unna's soul searching *Bedrachim Nifrador* (reviewed in *The Post* on April 26, 1985) is that the NRP's decline is due to its steady aping of the Aguda. This goes back to the 1951 question of compulsory national service for religious girls granted exemption from military service. So it didn't start with Burg.

Unna for many years served on the Dayanin Appointments Committee, and his observations about the rabbinical courts are no less scathing than those of Rosen-Zvi.

He describes how, when candidates appeared before the committee (after having been pronounced qualified by the Chief Rabbinate), he made a point of probing their general education, their knowledge of foreign languages, and their

knowledge of Supreme Court decisions (on appeals in matters of personal status). "In many cases, the picture was not very positive," he says drily.

The weakness of religious Zionism — and the extremist composition of the Chief Rabbinate — gave Aguda candidates the advantage. And Mapai representatives generally supported those candidates to weaken the NRP, which it considered a rival for votes. Unna says. This, he writes, dashed the hopes that a new generation of open-minded *dayanim* would emerge, sensitive to the demands of the public and willing to meet it half-way.

ON THE MORNING of the debate, representatives of Ne'eman's Torat Va'avoda, a reform group in the NRP, met with Education Committee chairman Nahman Raz. They expressed their concern over "the penetration of the state religious school system by *haredim* influences."

Such influences find expression, they said, in incitement against army service and *hesder* yeshivot, and in preaching against a mixed (i.e., men and women) religious society. The *haredim* message, they said, was transmitted mainly by *haredi* teachers in various types of state religious schools.

It would appear that such a bold stance — all along the line — is the only hope for the NRP.

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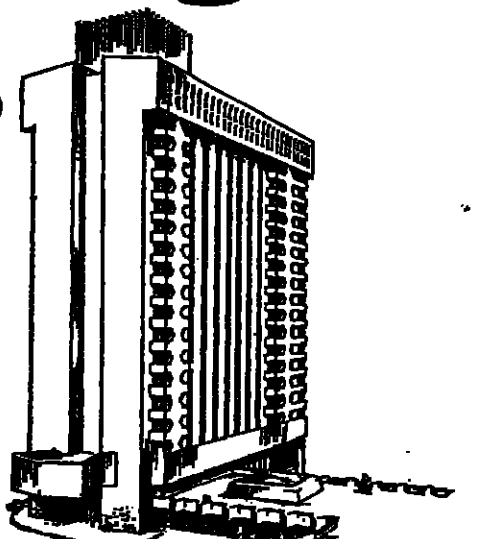
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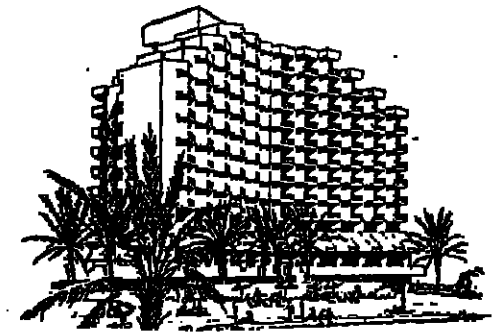
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## Knowing a good thing when you see it

AN IMPRESARIO who has facilitated Israel's renewed cultural ties with Poland now has his eye on the China connection.

Shmuel Tzemach, in Poland this week with the Bat-Dor Dance Company, Israel's first performers in Poland in about 20 years, is thinking of inaugurating the connection with acrobats from the People's Republic.

In Frankfurt about two months ago, he saw a group of performers from Peking who had been hand-picked by Austrian director André Heller, producer of the event. The show was sold out for three months.

"I was invited to dinner with the troupe," said Tzemach, interviewed in his Tel Aviv office before his departure for Poland with Bat Dor. The Chinese acrobats stayed in a

five-star hotel, but did all their own cooking. "I talked with the government cultural affairs official who accompanied them, and said I want them to come to Israel. He was not shocked."

The benign response could be attributed to diplomacy or to Chinese inscrutability, but Tzemach found it heartening, and says the official promised to arrange a visa for him to visit the PRC.

For now, his special interest continues to be Poland in particular and the Eastern Bloc in general. "In many areas, the level of performance art there is a few rungs above that of the West," he says, adding that one of his dreams is to bring Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet to Israel.

He goes on: "I'm not involved in politics, but I do believe that one of

The Jerusalem Post's Marsha Pomerantz talks to impresario Shmuel Tzemach

the important bridges between peoples is culture, and that other ties follow."

Tzemach, today chairman of the Producers Association, learned his trade from Giora Godik, the papa of impresarios in this country, who imported or produced locally some of the biggest musical hits known here.

Tzemach met his wife when she was a dancer in *My Fair Lady*. A native of Lodz, she accompanies him on his trips to Poland and acts as interpreter.

ALL DOES NOT go smoothly in the intercultural bridge business. The first group Tzemach brought to Israel was the Warsaw Chamber

Opera group, but the visit coincided with that of Tadeusz Kantor, brought over by impresario Lillian Schutz. Kantor, the mentor of some of the Chamber Opera people, was taken much more seriously by the critics, though his relations with the press were amiable.

Bar-Dor's trip to Poland this week went smoothly enough, but the Israel Philharmonic's scheduled visit in mid-April had to be cancelled because the IPO could not renegotiate its undertaking to play in the Rubinstein Piano Competition during the same period in Tel Aviv. In mid-May, the 120-member Masowsze folklore troupe is coming to Israel, while in September, the Batsheva

company is going to a music and dance festival in Poland. By the end of the year, Tzemach hopes to bring a pantomime theatre from Warsaw.

Now the Poles have asked him to arrange visits by Western European performers to Poland.

HE NEVER takes on a deal without seeing the performance: once he dashed off to San Francisco for a few hours to see Simon and Garfunkel before he brought them here. Even for established performers, he says, you have to experience the mood, the lighting, the interaction with the audience. "Better to waste \$2,000 on the trip than \$30,000 on a bad show."

When he's not plying the air or sinking into a plush seat in some hall, he spends time lobbying for the licensing of producers.

Irresponsible or inexperienced impresarios sometimes fail to fulfill their obligations to talent from abroad, or bring third-rate performers and foist them off on an unsuspecting audience hungry for imports from the big world. "Anyone can print tickets," says Tzemach. One notable recent flop was the Stars Concert of rock artists last summer in the Ramat Gan stadium.

"If you need a licence to sell felafo or to be a travel agent, why not for producing?" Tzemach argues. Amateurs, shoddy deals give all Israeli producers a bad name. The Producers Association, which re-

quires its members to undergo a three-year internship with an established producer, has cooperated with the Education and Culture Ministry's legal adviser in drawing up licensing regulations, but at the moment the proposals are still on the adviser's desk.

Audiences are more savvy than they used to be, Tzemach says. Partly because of the current economic situation, people think three times before putting their money down. And home video equipment bought during the boom makes them reluctant to venture out unless it's worth the effort as well as the money.

"But they know a good thing when they see it," he concludes. The recent visit of dancer Antonio Gades was a case in point.

THE ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA - Geoffrey Simon conducting, with Kimball Wheeler, mezzo-soprano; Moshe Murvitz, violin (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, March 9). Benjamin Lees: Symphony No. 4 for orchestra, with mezzo-soprano violin and cello solos, "Memorial Candles" on Pianos by Nelly Sachs.

FOR WRITING a work even indirectly connected with the Holocaust, one needs to be at once a person of towering spiritual stature and a great composer. Benjamin Lees is neither.

To fill a full hour with musically significant content is in itself a formidable task. To relate this content to an event which is still very much beyond our capability to comprehend seems almost impossible.

Anyway, Lees' symphony does not go very much further than creating a solemn, elegiac mood. Even Mahler's influence, strongly felt especially in the songs, did not help. Lees' music remained on the surface, its superficiality and conventional developing pretty soon into boredom.

Lees is a conservative composer who fails to exploit what a more contemporary idiom could have offered him. His thematic material is uninteresting and its development devoid of imagination. The violin solo cadences are incredibly empty and seem completely superfluous; the cello solo introducing the second

## Overwhelming challenge

### MUSIC

PIANO RECITAL BY YAHLI WAGMAN (Tel Aviv Museum, March 8). Schubert: Sonata in B-flat major; Stravinsky: Octet for Wind Instruments (piano transcription by Yehli Wagman); Ravel: La Valse (piano transcription by Yehli Wagman); Ravel: La Valse (piano transcription by Yehli Wagman).

YAHLI WAGMAN not only showed great originality in his interpretations, he also presented us with a programme which could have been put together only by him. The romantic Schubert sonata in the first part and three of his own transcriptions of Stravinsky and Ravel in the second provided a most unusual contrast and indeed proved a most unusual experience.

In the first two movements of the sonata, Wagman was an undisputed master of romanticism, but he failed to reach that level of playing in the two final movements.

The *Molto moderato* and *Andante sostenuto* were richly meditative. It was a highly personal performance but at the same time a

most convincing expression of Schubert's pain and hopelessness. The extreme length of the movements posed no problems. To the contrary, their length was a major factor in exposing Schubert's incredibly wearisome way towards the beyond. Wagman deserves praise for his performance of these two movements.

Suddenly, with the next movement, the situation changed: the *Scherzo* and the last movement were played with indifference and at times with a total lack of feeling. No effort was made to integrate these movements into the general framework of the sonata. Thus, the sonata seemed to have been cut into two sections, with the first two movements and the last two played by different pianists.

The whole second part of the recital was sheer delight. Wagman's transcriptions are superb. In the *Octet* he even managed to bring out the various colours of the instruments of the original version. He played the complex piece, studied with complex dissonant chords and polyphonic lines, with ease and unrelenting drive. He made an even



Composer Benjamin Lees... too many pitfalls

greater impression with Ravel's *La Valse*, which reproduced on the keyboard all the dark, ghostly colours and rhythms of Ravel's music.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

SONATA RECITAL - Pierre-Henri Xuerb, violin; Asher Fish, piano (Academy Concert Hall, the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, Givat Ram Campus, March 9). Brahms: Sonata Opus 120, No. 1; Hindemith: Sonata Opus 11, No. 4; Brahms: Sonata Opus 120, No. 2.

THE PRESENTATION of the

three full-length sonatas was creditable because the two young artists fulfilled the demands of the pieces with impressive competence and musical involvement. They performed without fussing over the difficulties of their respective parts.

Brahms's two sonatas opus 120 - originally written for clarinet and piano - are among his last works, followed only by 11 Choral Preludes for Organ (Opus 122) and the Four

Serious Songs (Opus 122). They are the sublimation of all chamber music Brahms wrote in his life and are, strangely enough, quite rarely performed.

On the other hand, Hindemith's *Viola Sonata*, written in 1919, is an extremely extrovert composition. He was 24 at the time, a viola player of distinction whose intimate knowledge of the instrument influenced the structure and texture of this work to best advantage.

All three sonatas demand an excellent pianist to collaborate on equal terms with the musician to do justice to both composers' flights of inspiration.

Pierre-Henri Xuerb and Asher Fish are both excellent musicians, and they approach the recital with the right team-work attitude. Although acoustic conditions in the academy concert hall seemed to favour the piano, the keyboard hardly ever covered the violist despite the thick texture of the piano part.

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And if another \$200m. of the Sick Fund's debts are not pressing, they still impose a heavy financial burden. Only the remaining \$85m. is causing little anxiety (at present at least) since it is "current," i.e., covered by funds coming in from various sources.

In a first of a series of articles, Macabee Dean tries to analyze why Kupat Holim Clalit ran so deep into debt — a debt which is about two-thirds of its current 1985/86 budget of \$647m.

SINCE it was founded in 1920 by the Histadrut, Kupat Holim has played a triple role: to help Histadrut members stay well and to help them recover if they became sick; to indoctrinate them with its own "true" socialist beliefs; and to adopt a Zionist-National pioneering role (even after the state was founded) by setting up medical facilities in the most outlying districts, as well as providing medical help for new immigrants.

No Histadrut nor Kupat Holim leader has been willing to admit any discrepancy or conflict between these different roles.

That Kupat Holim has played a successful role for the Histadrut in its multiple tasks all these years — especially in its political indoctrination campaign — is indicated by the political attacks it has provoked from Histadrut opponents.

Kupat Holim's main rival has been Herut, which became the core of the present Likud.

At first, Herut tried to fight the Histadrut's Kupat Holim by setting up its own sick fund, the present Kupat Holim Leumi. But the latter was always a midget compared to Clalit and ineffective as a disseminator of political ideologies among the general public. Herut (or the Likud), therefore, changed its tactics: it began to infiltrate into the Histadrut, and today about one quarter of all Histadrut members belong to the Likud.

KUPAT HOLIM's leadership always managed to keep the Likud members in the background, depriving them of any responsible position. Thus, Kupat Holim lost the use of considerable Likud talent which became within the sick fund a vociferous but ineffectual opposition, according to some, and a vociferous and destructive one, according to others. Whatever the truth, Kupat Holim leadership lost some badly needed administration talent. This probably had some financial repercussions, although they are not measurable. But the pent-up frustrations of the Likud were later to be

released when it came to power in 1977 and took charge of the national purse.

Simultaneously, during all these years the Histadrut and Kupat Holim began changing their roles; Kupat Holim today is still an adjunct of the Histadrut, but the Histadrut needs Clalit more than Clalit needs the Histadrut. Today, one can easily imagine a strong Clalit functioning without the Histadrut, but not the opposite situation.

Despite the constant criticism levelled at Clalit — the Israeli national sport is bitching — the fund grew and grew. If 67.7 per cent of all Israelis were members in 1974, today the figure is 85 per cent. And the past decade was not one of large-scale immigration, where each immigrant was automatically inducted, during his "settlement and adjustment period," into Kupat Holim. Most of the new members are veteran Israelis. And as Clalit grew, so did the Histadrut, for to join Clalit, one has to join the Histadrut. If one could join the sick fund without joining the Histadrut, "pure" Histadrut membership would shrink badly.

This explains, of course, why the Likud favours a national health service — which means nationalizing Clalit — and Labour (or the majority of the Histadrut members) are dead set against it.

THAT THE Histadrut has recognized Kupat Holim's increased im-



A patient too young to worry about paying bills gets a blood test at a Kupat Holim Clalit clinic. (Israel Sun)

portance can be seen from the following figures: if in 1979 the sick fund got about 61 per cent of membership dues, in 1985 the percentage had risen to 69 per cent.

If membership dues were to rise by, let us say, 85 per cent, Kupat Holim's financial problems would be eased considerably. It would be able to cover its annual deficit (about five per cent of its budget), even though it would not be able to make even slight inroads into its accumulated debt.

But this would deprive the Histadrut of funds, so the probable solution will be to increase the total amount of the membership dues by raising the "ceiling" on which membership dues are imposed.

In effect, this might eventually encourage many members, especially the better off, to seek medical help in other places. And other sources are available: private doctors and perhaps Kupat Holim Maccabi which charges about the same fees,

but which uses all of its income for medical purposes (it does not have a "Histadrut" to support).

SO CLALIT is pressuring the government on two fronts. The minor one is to help finance its budget which, as noted, is partially being used to cover many national tasks. This would allow it to keep its membership dues low — and competitive. It wants the government to divert funds from other commitments, or in other words, non-Histadrut mem-

bers would help support Clalit, since Clalit is doing the government's work.

The second reason for needing government funding is much more important. As noted, Kupat Holim Clalit has never abandoned its pioneering Zionist-National role — which also means garnering political support. Perhaps it no longer rushes to the geographical frontiers, West Bank settlements (which are not always to Labour's liking), but there are other frontiers within Israel proper.

For example, Kupat Holim wants to accept responsibility for Israel's aging population. Not long ago, the aged accounted for four per cent of the country's population, but it has now passed the 10 per cent mark. And facilities are woefully inadequate. Kupat Holim wants to add 1,000 beds and accept responsibility for medical, nursing and community care. This is the government's job but since Kupat Holim believes it can carry out these tasks better, it wants the government to finance them.

But government aid will not rise: in fact it has fallen from 28.1 per cent of Kupat Holim's total budget in 1977/78 to 9.9 per cent in 1985/86. It may drop to half this sum in the financial year starting this April 1. This loss of funds has hurt Clalit terribly. But in all fairness, the government cutbacks began in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, before the Likud took power in 1977.

But the Likud administration would certainly have been more responsive to Clalit's needs had it not been squeezed out of the fund's affairs. The Likud turned to where it could garner votes, tapping a wave of enthusiasm for the West Bank settlements, and the money went there.

Today, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, even if he wants to help, can only repeat that saying made famous by one of his predecessors, Yigael Hurvitz: "Ain lee — or I'm flat broke." And he can say this in all honesty.

Next: The Israeli Hypochondriac.

## Getting it off their chests

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where they can unload their personal problems. Hoshen feels that the bureaucracy of getting an appointment with a school counsellor discourages kids from turning to them for help. "By the time he finally reaches a guidance counsellor to talk about a serious problem, the teacher, school nurse, principal and office have all been involved," says Hoshen, who has worked as a guidance counsellor himself. "If there was a place where kids could just drop in and talk, we wouldn't need the Attentive Ear."

SMALL PROBLEMS that go unattended mushroom into major crises, says Hoshen. The boy who

has heard "don't bother me" one time too many wants to leave home and live in a dormitory. The young woman who feels worn down by loneliness and financial pressure is already drowsy from the sleeping pills by the time she calls for help. In this case, the psychologist who took the call persuaded her into giving her address and volunteers managed to get her to a hospital in time.

Suicides are definitely on the rise, according to Hoshen. "I think it's cyclical and recently we've seen a lot of suicides."

Yad Beyad, founded a year ago, also offers free psychological counselling for parents and children, as well as limited financial assistance when warranted. "A child didn't want to go to school, because his family couldn't afford the books, so we sent a cheque to the school," says Hoshen. "A nine-year-old who'd never had a birthday party, had a nice celebration at school with his friends, with our assistance."

The sometimes violent effects of unemployment are being felt in the family, says Hoshen. Children who are physically and sexually abused call for help, and are referred to a service that specializes in child abuse.

Some of the callers have more mundane problems: parents who force them to do homework; feelings of being left out of the "in" crowd.

Fifty teachers, 20 psychologists and eight social workers take turns on the phone, and record each call. Each volunteer is armed with a comprehensive list of agencies that provide help, and can consult with Prof. Shimon Zachs, a Tel Aviv University lecturer in special education and head of the Education Ministry's special education division.

The bottom line, says Hoshen, is better parenting. "I think we make a big mistake when we don't set aside just a few minutes a day to hear what's on our kids' minds," she says. "A little bit of attention is all it takes to help kids get problems off their chest and to show them they are loved."

## MISS MANAGEMENT

HELGA DUDMAN

IF ONLY it weren't so serious, we could make it funny. By organizing a contest, for instance, to elect the most sensational "Miss Management-Israel" of the year out of a veritable bevy of hopefuls.

At the big gala evening we'd applaud the 10 finalists chosen for big busts (financial, you understand) and outstanding arrears (this is too easy to do, and so will stop), parading around wagging their egos and shifting their power drives.

Alas, if anything characterizes the Israel Organizational Experience in both the public and the private sectors it's poor managers. Not all of them, by any means. Only, at a rough guess, and counting both top and middle, about 90 per cent.

Now, a vaguely relevant joke. Two men meet. How are you? asks A. Fine, says B. "And how's your wife?" A. Goes on. B. "Compared to whom?"

I have not investigated managerial relativity even superficially, and I don't want to make more enemies than we already have, but I suppose we may be not at all bad compared to Zaire, Paraguay, India and quite a few others. We are terrible compared to those in whose company we like to consider ourselves: the U.S., Japan, Scandinavia, most of Europe — even if, as we never tire of saying, things everywhere aren't what they once were.

The developed countries have different traditions and social structures and all have their troubles managing their affairs. Everybody always has and always will. But none of them could enter any really serious candidates for our Miss Management Festival.

WE MUST define our terms. I suppose, at least for the small print on the contestants' entry blanks. Speaking very, very broadly, to manage something means to conduct or control some undertaking or institution. Good management means doing it as efficiently as possible, and many would add that those managed should feel happy with their rewards, both financial and psychic.

(I'm now just doodling on this pilot entry blank. I haven't attended any management courses lately, although many years ago I had a job with a prestigious university correcting final papers at its graduate school of business administration. It wasn't Harvard, although the Harvard "Case Study" system was used; and I can't imagine why they hired me except for the fact that I was there.)

At this point, here in Israel, management graduates must be kicking themselves for not having studied law instead, so they could enter the

great new glamour profession, Receiver of Bankrupt Firms. The post gets you such a good percentage of the sales prices of the mismanaged company.

The big question is, why is Israeli management so terrible? Inevitable answers always pop up. Some are objective: the conditions under which our poor managers must operate. And some are subjective: our executives' characteristics.

The main objective factor may be the fact that we have a theoretically free market, but one which is in fact under the thumb, directly or indirectly, of the government in its various guises. So we get into socialism and its heritage, bureaucracy, vestiges of Eastern Europe grafted onto the Middle East, easy money coming from the outside, the System (the result, it's usually said, of the foregoing and the yet to come). Issues more pressing than mere effectiveness and efficiency crowd in on us all.

The Defence establishment may, or may not, suffer from poor management. In that area one mishap, as everybody knows, can be catastrophic; but there, at least, the profit motive does not operate.

There are several variables at work here: The Banks. The Money Market. The difficulty of firing unproductive workers. Political favouritism and networking (which flourishes everywhere). The "muddle through" mentality. "No Problem! A hundred per cent." The endemic refusal to use the telephone when you can pop into your car and career across the country.

HERE IS another random basket of variables for the contest judges to consider. First, from a textbook on the history of failed enterprises, comes this example from Rosh Pina in 1905: that was when the silk factory, founded in 1885 by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, closed down, "because of mismanagement and labour troubles."

For another, we jump to France in the late Thirties. The most vivid memory of a friend who lived there in the years before World War II is of the way Léon Blum completely revised the French postal system in just a few weeks. "It was the talk of

France, because up until then the French telephone and the mails had been an utter disaster. Yet, in a very short time everything changed."

The interesting point here is that Premier Blum was both a stalwart socialist and a Jew. How in the world did he do it? All I know is that it wasn't done with computers, or anything like the then state of the art, nor with a weekend management seminar at Versailles with workshops on decision-making and workflow charts.

For the here-and-now disasters, everybody may pick his own favourite smorgasbord, quite aside from real estate, textiles, heavy or light industry. Here is a featherweight example: a potential American investor, in contact with a cash-seeking establishment here, received at his American office a big fancy envelope from the firm in Israel. What was inside it? Absolutely nothing.

I DON'T KNOW how the following thesis can be disproved: that a good manager either has what it takes or

he doesn't. This is usually some combination of common sense, analytical ability, a knowledge of people and how to get along with them, and experience. It can't hurt a bit to read several of those management textbooks, but this can easily be done in a month or so of leisure time.

The style will vary greatly. One of the best managers I have ever worked for, the founder and director of a flourishing New York advertising firm, used to keep his office door wide open and his desk spotlessly bare. He often could be found staring out the window. "I'm paid for what I know," he would say, "and not for what I do."

At meetings, he would let everybody speak and then would summarize everything they had said in three sentences. He had never been near a business school, except possibly to address the graduating class.

So what is the matter with Israeli managers? Do the good ones really tend to leave? Do the good ones who stay fail, because of the impossible burden of the objective factors?

The winners of the real contest, I suppose, would be the contestants who could come up with the answers.



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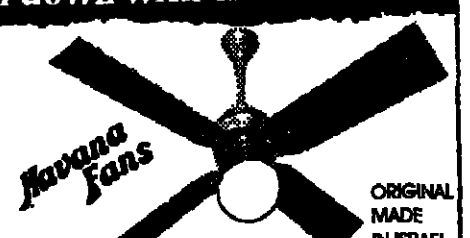
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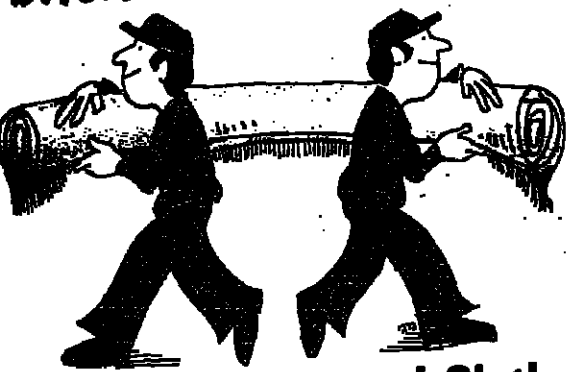
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Daihatsu Charade, 1985, air conditioner, test, levy, alarm, 844616.  
Fura GL, 1984, 12,000km., new, list price, 551226.

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### AUSTIN, MORRIS

Metro, 1984, 1.3 S, one owner, excellent condition, 052-24529.  
Mini, 1976, automatic, 78,000km., 2nd owner, year's test, wonderful, 03-43261.  
Mini 1000, 1978, 84,000km., one owner, good condition, test, radio-tape, NIS 4,200, 05-853691.  
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Kikar Dizengoff Hotel, furnished rooms from \$300 per month, 03-296181.

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Bat Yam, 2 1/2, 3rd floor, front, corner, vacant in year, 03-551393.

Holon, Rehov Hashoava, 2 1/2 room flat, Tel. 848405.

Holon, 2 1/2, Shikun Amami, 2nd floor, 47,000, 03-85777.

#### 3 - 3 1/2 ROOMS

Bat Yam, Ramat Hashoni, 3, 2nd floor, 70sq.m., parking, 03-451017, 09.00-13.00, 16.00-19.00.

Holon, Neot Shoshanim, 2, lounge, balconies, fitted cupboard, phone, 03-844551.

Special phone number for inserting ads in newspaper, 03-885885, Pishon On.

Bat Yam, rare bargain, immediate, 3 1/2, lovely, 1st floor, front, parking, 551879.

Neot Rachel centre, 3 1/2 (like 4), well arranged, additions, parking, 895797.

Neot Yehudit, 3, 2nd floor, cupboards, lift, NIS 66,000, 891713.

#### 4 ROOMS & MORE

Holon, Rehov Bustanai, Shikun Ovdim office: 5 room cottage flat, 142sq.m., 03-390721.

Kiryat Shalom, Holon, 4, new, double balconies, 03-458798, 03-417905.

Kiryat Shalom, 5, 3rd floor, parking, lift, new, 342693, 473584.

Ramat Yosef, 2, dinette, ground floor, phone, solar boiler, fitted cupboard, refrigerator, 03-472114.

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Bargain, Holon, near Wolfson Hospital, 44 for sale, 3rd floor, front, 886457.

#### Flats for Rent

2 1/2, lift, phone, 8 Ha'erez, Holon, 852715.

Holon, unfurnished, 3, rental, solar boiler, central gas, 03-40479.

#### Furnished Flats

Holon, centre, one room flat, kitchen, for residence/office, 03-240834.

Bat Yam, 3, dinette, phone, parking, solar boiler, 03-873951.

#### Dan Region

#### 1 - 1 1/2 ROOMS

Wonderful one room flat + additions, phone, Hadar Yosef, 24,000, 497079.

#### 2 - 2 1/2 ROOMS

Border Be'er Brak, 2 large + balconies, cupboards, 3rd floor, 785320.

Ramat Gan, Shikun Vatikim, 2, solar boiler, ground floor, well arranged, 42,000, 03-794179.

Ramat Gan, 2 large, well arranged, American kitchen, 2nd floor, 03-751729.

#### 3 - 3 1/2 ROOMS

Givatayim, 3 1/2, spacious, balconies, parking, immediate, 03-440864, 03-732385.

Givatayim, bargain, special, 3 + 1/2, 3rd floor, front, 03-736819.

Givatayim, 3, dinette, balconies, parking, 726894, 726291.

Petah Tikva, Herzl, 3 large, near centre, quiet, 03-900337.

Ramat Gan, Aharonson, 3, dinette, work corner, fitted cupboard, 6th floor, lift, 03-772828.

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Bargain, Ramat Gan, 3, well arranged, ground floor, yard, 50,000, 03-790157.

Bargain, Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, 3rd floor, spacious, quiet, 746051.

Givat Shmuel, 3, well arranged, 4th floor, expension possible, 03-532145.

Givatayim, 3, roof, rustic kitchen, parking, additions, 03-515427, 03-722551.

Petah Tikva, Shapira, 3 + 1/2, large, well arranged, 2nd floor, 915533.

Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, spacious, view, additions, well arranged, immediate, 03-726767.

Border Be'er Brak, opposite Municipal, 3 1/2, balconies, 25,000, 789292.

Centre, Rehov Hashi, Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, spacious, building 14 years old, 6th floor, lift, adjacent parking, 03-734942.

Givatayim, Tel Ganim, 3 (2 1/2), 2nd floor, balconies, 03-452000, furnished flat also for sale, 03-246011, 14-Ram.

Kiron, bargain for young, 3, well arranged, 4th floor, 341387.

Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, large, front, 3rd floor, 892,000, 03-751047.

Hadar Yosef, 3 1/2 + separate room with conveniences, solar boiler, 481544.

Petah Tikva, 3 + 1/2, 3rd floor, quiet, well arranged, 03-917043, afterwards.

Petah Tikva, 3 1/2, 3 exposures, 3rd floor, 03-935842.

#### 4 ROOMS & MORE

Near Canaan, Kiryat Herzl, 4 + 1 room, additions, solar boiler, 03-705852.

Petah Tikva, Solent, 4, on pillars, 70,000, double conveniences, 03-902227.

Ramat Gan, Tel Ganim, 4, 5th floor, view, additions, well arranged, 03-770886.

Ramat Gan, 5, special, 4 exposures, 3rd floor, lift, 03-536342.

Ramat Gan, functional flat, 3 children's rooms, dinette, American kitchen, solar boiler, on pillars, 779577.

Ramat Gan, immediate occupancy! Sokolov, last flat in luxurious building remains, 4 1/2 rooms, 6th floor, Keret, 30 Gahal, Tel Aviv, 03-257455, 03-30-17.00.

Rosson, Or Yehuda, 5, well kept, flexible payment and availability, 03-545838.

About 5, Pishon, Petah Tikva, 2nd floor, lift, 03-2226943, not Shabbat.

Be'er Brak, Nathan Hauer, new, 4 + 1 room, room and conveniences, NIS 21,000, 03-622406.

Kikar Hamedina, 4, 135sq.m., \$130,000; Hadar Hashoava, \$155,000, Iso. 03-426293.

Petah Tikva, 4 rooms, suca balcony, 4th floor, no lift, rent bargain price, 03-917121, 03-39762, 03-39961, weekdays.

Petah Tikva, centre, 4 large, roof, parking, 90,000, 03-902255.

Ramat Gan, 4, huge lift balcony, front, Negba, 03-963024.

Tel Ganim, for religious, 4 spacious, heating, phone, view, 03-825058.

Two-family! Shikun Dam 4 rooms, garden, 03-490006, 03-939364.

Ramat Gan, Haniel, 3rd floor, lift, parking, 03-742077, 03-257134.

Bargain, Mahlat, 4, 4th floor, well arranged, available, immediate, 03-721823.

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Petah Tikva, 4, 2nd floor, luxuriously arranged, double conveniences, 03-905296.

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#### Flats for Rent

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Petah Tikva centre, 3 1/2, phone, 4th floor, no lift, 150, 03-552992.

Ramat Gan, 3 1/2, furnished, phone, near Aha Hillel, 03-33288, evenings, 03-355411.

Petah Tikva, furnished, 3 rooms, phone, 1st floor, immediate, 03-919662.

Ramat Gan, 3, phone, airconditioner, immediate occupancy, 739454, 882750.

Givatayim, 2 large, phone, ground floor, unfurnished, cupboards, 41742.

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Givatayim, one room flat, furnished, phone, short term, 03-318855.

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Ramat Gan, 2 room flat, phone, suitable for office, 03-316317.

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Ramon, Kiryat Ono, 3, on pillars, fully furnished, phone, immediate, 03-352815, 03-315726.

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Ramat Gan, flatmate required for 2 partially furnished, phone, 03-719957.

Ramat Gan centre, 5, 300, furnished, phone, 03-477752.

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Herzliya, 2, sea view, swimming pool, tennis, Aloa, 03-551717.

Herzliya, 2 1/2, 80sq.m., 2nd floor, phone, solar boiler, 03-540355.

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Herzliya, 5, huge, central, quiet, 3rd floor, no lift, additions, 63,000, 03-85869.

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Ramassa, 3, dinette, 4th floor, no lift, good area, 03-545258.

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#### General

##### Agriculture

Professional transfer of farm ownership including tax consultation. Call, 02-443342, 02-722028.

Sale, Seedless 313 and Beta watermelon seeds, 02-410104, 02-8130293, evenings, 02-813124, Avner.

20 pregnant cows, pre-pregnant, 4-8 months, 7 beef cattle, 02-24146, 02-24936.

For sale, bargain, farm in Moshav Shimon Dvora, 067-65536.

Clayton combine + pump, David-Brown 1412 tractor, 02-455261, 02-453887.

Interested in buying combine, 3, 4 seasons, with cabin, air conditioner, 02-971405, evenings.

New Efficient instrument for stretching strings of all sorts, for any purpose, orchards, especially suitable for thick and steel string, assembled, no need for cutting string, 02-9711403.

Tractors

Tracked 34 Bacthrin digger available for work, 02-52840, 02-31455.

##### Beauty Care

New electric machine for medical massage, bargain, 02-973451, from 14.00.

Wax method hair removal in your home, efficient, also Saturday, 02-867025.

##### Cosmetics

French lessons by academic teacher for high school students and adults, 02-91878, not Shabbat.

Private English and Spanish lessons in your home, for adults and children, 02-61097.

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French lessons by academic teacher for high school students and adults, 02-91878, not Shabbat.

Private English and Spanish lessons in your home, for adults and children, 02-61097.

##### Services

House renovation, painting, wall paper, P.V.C. Ginzberg, 90 Arlosoroff, Ramat Gan, 732476.

Sale, Carmel King carpet, 3x4, 02-545515, Daniela.

Campaign for holidays! "Extra" polishing, cleaning, postcard, 02-376163.

Hamletish - campaign! Cleaning, polishing, pest extermination, license No. 5563, 02-375458.

##### Shimming

Swiss + massage by masseuses in exclusive atmosphere, 26 Hovevei Zion, 02-288618.

Teacher (f) seeks partner (f) for trip to Europe, in summer, 02-26894, Ruth.

##### Vacations

For rent, vacation house on Caesarea beach for holiday and weekends, responsible people, 02-411862.

Elit, 3 room furnished flat for holidays and vacations, 02-27302.

For rent, 3 and 4½ room flats, fully furnished, for holidays and festivals, 02-91735.

Beit Zayit, near Jerusalem, vacation flats, reservations for holidays: 02-524604.

Davos (Switzerland), for weekly rental, luxurious flat (swimming pool), for 5 people, 02-63564.

Near Heikhal Shalom, 2½ large, 40,000, Anglo-Saxon (Malden), 02-221161.

Kiryat Yovel, 1 Borochov, 2, 3rd floor, 02-434141, 02-413643.

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Near Rehavia Gymnasium, 3½, improved, residential/office, 635445.

Pegat Zeev, 2 rooms, 2nd floor, immediate, 02-633467.

Ramat Aleph, 2, ground floor, cupboards, solar boiler, Pladette, 665348.

Talpor, Derech Hevron, 2 rooms, heating, solar boiler, 3rd floor, 714404.

In Ganitl Bargan, 2nd floor, exclusive to A.R. Realty, 02-221860, 245414.

Ramat, 2nd floor, view, exposures, 863221, 351324.

Rehavia, 2½, 1st floor, balconies, 58,000, immediate, 446462, weekdays, 2 + hall, T.A.C. 631764, Malden.

Talpor, 2, 2nd floor, view, exposures, 863221, 351324.

Heart of Talpor, facing south, quiet, 3rd floor, Capital, 52131/1565.

Kammon, 2, in Arab house, large entrance, balcony, garden, Hamman Lechassim, 243221.

Kiryat Yovel, 2, solar boiler, private heating, expansion possible, 432181.

Shimon, 2½, 2nd floor, well arranged, good condition, 637528, evenings.

Shmuel Hanavi, 2, solar boiler, phone, kitchen, cupboards, ground floor, 625095.

Harav Berlin, lovely flat, 3, 3rd floor, bright, exposures, 442366.

Hezrag, 3 room flat, 3rd floor, heating, cupboards, improved, 691049.

Jewish Quarter, 3½, bright, 90,000, no agent, fee, 283815, weekdays.

Kiryat Arie, 3½ (like 4), well arranged, spacious, worthwhile, 02-819301.

Kiryat Moshe, 3½, 1st floor, large balcony, storeroom, 02-533337, weekdays.

New Yavok, 3 + diette, solar boiler, windows, flexible occupancy, 850827.

No-fee sale! Maon, 9 Pines, 2nd floor, 02-233913, 02-249469.

Pat, 3, diette, solar boiler, well arranged, nice, 414257, weekdays.

Pierre Koenig, 3, storeroom, well arranged, flexible occupancy, NIS 65,000, 710666.

Ramat Eshkol, 3 (1 small), 835,000, Michael Starr, 02-220171, 229953, Malden.

Ramat Sharet, 3 + diette, open balcony, 1st floor, bright, 02-422811.

Ramat Aleph, 3, solar boiler, 4th floor, 861812, not Shabbat.

Rehavia, 3, 2nd floor, large porch, Michael Starr, 02-225226, 241367, Malden.

Rehavia, 3 rooms, balconies, sun, 70,000, Am-Gar, 02-816833.

San Simon, 3, near Health Ministry, convenient floor, view, exposures, Avi Cohen (Malden), 233125, 239922.

Talpor, 3 large, balconies, quiet, 712417, not Shabbat.

Armon Hanatziv, must sell on Friday, 3, private entrance, large balcony, parking, must be seen, final price, 02-858888, Tel. 277412, Saturday, 941865.

Bargain! Kiryat Arie, 3, private heating, cupboards, 828808, evenings.

Gilo Aleph, 3, diette, heating, cupboards, phone, exposures, 2nd floor, 44,000, 02-713991.

Gilo Aleph, 3, sun room, cupboards, view, 761377.

Givat Beit Hakerem, 3½, bright, well-kept, 2nd floor, 65,000, 02-337499.

Givat Zeev, 3, large balcony, view, solar boiler, 819335, weekdays.

Givat Mordechai, 3, garden, cupboards, view, 58,500, 630743.

Ma'ale Admunim, Mitze Nervo, flats and cottages, no agent's fee, 251665.

Ma'ale Dafa, 3, renovated, fitted cupboards + kitchen cupboards, 02-825160, 02-812828.

Must sell 3½, large, Talpor, extras, 1st floor, Ambassador, 02-668101.

Old Katamon, 3½, 1st floor, 80,000, Anglo-Saxon, Malden, 02-221161.

Rabbi Zadok, 3½, study, diette, wonderful kitchen, plentiful cabinets, renovated bath, rustic view, good exposures, 416191.

Rehov Ben Zion, 3, hall, 93sq.m., heating, 65,000, 02-523666.

San Simon, 3½, well arranged into 4, heating, solar boiler, storeroom, 631036.

Armon Hanatziv, 3, top floor, 43,000, flexible occupancy, 720405.

Baka, 3, 2nd floor, solar boiler, balcony, cupboards, heating, 02-717344.

Boyt Vagan, for religious, penthouse, 3rd floor, large view, 78,000, Arye Realty, 241396.

Beit Hakerem, 3½, for sale/rental, exchange for 5, view, 81587, 525589.

Beit Zakai, 3 room flat, frontal, view, 418453, 664633.

French Hill, 3, 2nd floor, lift, view, 57,000, Disney (Malden), 245647.

German Colony, 3, renovated, beautiful, 3rd floor, phone, 690542.

Gilo Beit, 3 + diette, 2nd floor, corner, quiet, 766264.

Gilo, 3 rooms, balcony, solar boiler, heating, bright, 766612.

Kiryat Arie, Mahal (Ma'ale Dafa), 3, cupboards, bookshelves, heating, 620608.

Kiryat Yovel, 29,000; New Yavok, 29,000, 32,000, Haifa, 22706.

Ma'ale Dafa, 3, balconies, 3rd floor, 2nd floor, bright, 819468, weekdays.

New Yavok, 3, southern, excellent location and building, additions, 851465.

New Gilo, lovely, 3½, view, 48,000, Gamilah Realty, 764155.

Ramat Eshkol, Jerusalem, 3, phone from Arie, unlimited, 02-498115.

Romana, 3, Hauna Gimmel, 3rd floor, private heating, 02-537382, weekdays.

Stern, in new buildings, 3 + diette, central heating, phone, 2nd floor, 80sq.m., 02-81155, 02-522947.

Talpor, Armona, 2nd floor, spacious, storeroom, Haaneman Yoni (Malden), 223281.

Baka, 3½, 2nd floor, exclusive to A.R. Realty, 221860, 245414.

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Rav Berlin, 3 1/2, 2nd floor, phone, tiled cupboards, 661297, weekdays.  
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Ramat Gan, 12 Rehov Yashim, ground floor, one room flat, partially furnished, phone, 02-23908, daytime.  
Ramat Sharet, 4 new, balcony, solar boiler, view, Uri Realty, 817312.  
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Centre, 2 1/2, well kept, 1st floor, phone, NIS 250, two buildings, 02-722597.  
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Kiryat Moshe, 1 1/2 + phone, 1st floor, 527945, 534217.  
Rehavia, 3, spacious, 4, unfurnished, Roman Realty, 63821, 661374.  
Telbich, 3, 2nd floor, partially furnished, long term, 711398, weekdays.  
Tourists, Rehavia, 3 1/2, balconies, sheets and towels, Menachem Realty, 249579.  
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Kiryat Menahem, one room flat, phone, fully furnished, available immediately, 667173-4, 814670, Heli-2.  
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Rental, Cinema 1, Kiryat Yovel, 02-419324, 02-434920.  
Dial 59662, Pisham Zamar, and your ad will appear in Hahadash at campaign prices and you receive a 3-D poster as a special gift. Pisham Zamar, Mekor Baruch industrial area.  
Needed urgently, shops and offices for rent in the centre of town in order to fulfill the demand of serious clients. Ask for Daniel at Hahadash Star, 02-22017, 228993, Malm.  
Sale, distribution route for ice cream products, 02-528453.  
Yad Haruzim, opposite Beit Gali, commercial areas and shops for rent, 02-234928.  
Achievement partner + \$25,000 required, in printing and office appliances, Tel. 761729, 247688.  
Person with knowledge in various fields seeks to invest in profitable business, 690423.  
**Industrial Premises**  
Atarot, industrial structure for sale, 12sq.m., NIS 10880.  
Building for workshop, convenient access for vehicles, power, In Ganim, 221995.

**Volunteer journalist** needed to write in English professional short interviews with Ethiopian Jews for U.S. publication, 02-660988.  
A lot of money for excellent agents, door-to-door distribution, 247521.  
B'Yashan restaurant requires cook, kitchen hand/cleaner, waitress, must be Shomer Shabbat, fluent English, 344922, from Sunday.  
Baka, metapet for baby + house-keeping, references, 721841.  
Beauty consultants, high commission, flexible hours, 24957, 764385.  
Cafe Azara requires serious kitchen workers, shifts, including nights.  
Clerk + bookkeeping, with proven experience, (computer an asset), Tel. 231990.  
Clerk required for office work, afternoons, 221384-5, 231477-8.  
Commercial company requires cleaning worker + references, 245289, Malm.  
Dental assistant required twice weekly, inexperienced possible, 225626, 701035.  
Domestic required, twice weekly + references, good salary, 413324.  
Ein Kerem, cleaning workers for early morning hours, part time, good conditions, 244702, 223221.  
Ergonomic person with initiative for child care plus 3-3 times weekly, 867784.  
Established retail office requires sales agent, Tel. 02-810633.  
Experienced and responsible dental assistant required for afternoons, every day + English, 521628, 723144, mornings.  
Flat Centre requires sales agent in free time, good profits, 225681.  
Full time secretary required, split shift, full time, good terms, 535778.  
Full time worker required for internal tourism, split shift, 02-248187.  
House cleaner in Mekor Baruch industrial area requires maintenance worker proven experience in plumbing, painting, carpentry, electrical, electricity, carpentry, general repairs, 02-539662, Eilat, from Sunday 08.00-13.00.  
Jerusalem Galilee Tours requires qualified clerk, full time. Preference to those with experience in travel agency, foreign languages, Michael Sands, 02-246858.  
Lawyer's secretary required afternoons, English-Hebrew typing, 639289, 635723.  
Lawyer's secretary, English-Hebrew typing experience, full time, good terms, Tel. 225460-1.  
Manpower requires chemical technician with experience in machines maintenance, 233436-9.  
Manpower requires experienced keyboard operators, bookkeeping know-how an asset, 233436-9.  
Manpower requires experienced metal workers, construction experience, 233436-9.  
Manpower requires professional Hebrew and for English word processor operators, 233436-9.  
Manpower requires professional Hebrew typists for temporary work and/or long term, good conditions for suitable, 233436-9.  
Merikva requires students, released soldiers and 12th graders to sell steel doors, 247081, 249125.  
Merikva requires clerk, work hours 14.00-19.30, 249125, 247081.  
Realty agency requires sales agent, initiative, car and knowledge of languages essential, King David, 664780, Malm.  
Realty agency requires professional agent, good terms, 535778.  
Responsible woman required, experience in domestic management + live-in, references, 666383.  
Sales hostesses required afternoons for Shilav, Jerusalem, 715044, Summary.  
Sales promoter required for computers and communications, 240666.  
Secretary required for work with computer, bookkeeping preferred, 222445, 545251.  
Skilled workers and aids in Lush Hehadash, Pisham Hariva, 1 Straus, 13 Dorot Rishonim.  
Special education boarding school requires principal and counselor, 02-630436.  
Ultra-orthodox institution requires nurses, qualified only, for shifts, 02-622633.  
Women required to prepare koubes and cigars, 233757.  
Young students, before army, required to distribute ads, hourly basis, 221384-5.  
Administrative manager with public relations affinity, initiative and drive, full time, for young and dynamic company, P.O.B. 6778.  
Avgal Communications requires experienced salesperson and central laboratory technician, 13 Shmuni, 247874.  
Beauty consultants for cosmetics products and perfumes, 60%-100% profit, 242521.  
Business in centre requires experienced cashier, full/part time, 532121, after 21.00.  
Chambermaids for hotel required, full time, good conditions for suitable, 532121, Sam-Yash.  
Competition (1) required for elderly woman, excellent conditions, 662905.  
Daniel requires experienced welders, full time, in industry, 227105.  
Daniel requires laboratory worker, two years experience in industry, full time, 226377.  
Daniel requires medical secretary, 3 years' experience, for work in industry, full time, 227105.  
Daniel requires store room worker/technical store room clerk, temporary, in industry, 226377.  
Daniel requires turner/miller for machine work in industrial factory, 227105.  
Daniel requires word processor operator, temporary work, weekends, or permanent in A.B. software on IBM P.C. word processor, 227105.  
Deputy house mother required, experienced only, for hotel, 532121, Yehuda-Sara.  
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# Waiting for Bejski

"WAITING for Godot" was a phrase that Supreme Court Justice Moshe Bejski used often in the course of the long weeks of testimony he and his four colleagues on the Commission of Inquiry into the bank-share collapse heard during the spring of last year. Bejski used the reference to Samuel Beckett's 1952 play to dramatize his own endlessly-repeated question to the series of bankers, regulators, administrators and bureaucrats who in turn occupied the witness-stand: "Why did you not do anything?"

The specific context varied from witness to witness, but the thrust of the question was always the same. Given that you knew about what the banks were up to in their long-running share "regulation" scheme, Bejski would prod one after the other, and assuming that you realized the inherent dangers of forcing shares to advance continuously in price, irrespective of their intrinsic economic value, why did you not do something active, positive, concrete — something — to change the system and to head off, or at least mitigate, the looming disaster?

The witnesses tried a number of tactics to evade the issue. Position papers, internal reports, conversations, and any other evidence available, were used to buttress the defence of each party. Buck-passing was practised on a massive scale — the banks to the government, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to the Securities Authority, the Securities Authority to the Bank of Israel, the Bank of Israel to the Treasury, minister to minister, the living to the dead. The buck apparently stopped nowhere. But after all the excuses Bejski was always there with the nagging question: You had responsibility and power in your specific area, why didn't you do anything? In the end there was no answer.

For those witnesses who mumbled past Bejski, there was the daunting prospect of the other judge on the commission team, Jerusalem District Court member Vardim Zylar, tearing into their line of reasoning, punching holes in their carefully-prepared defences and making mincemeat of their mumbles.

THERE WAS also what might be termed "the economist's alternative." For those, who, like himself, were not entirely at home with the courtroom tactics that enveloped the inquiry proceedings, Prof. Marshall

Sarnat of the Hebrew University (and tutor as well as personal friend to many of the witnesses) posed another question, also ultimately unanswerable, from an entirely different starting-point. He asked, in essence, "Do you mean to tell me that you really believed that a share could be artificially forced to behave like an index-linked bond for ever, and given perfect liquidity in the market, so that it could be sold at any time, while its price only went up and never down?"

Sarnat's question was unanswerable, because it was a razor-sharp, two-edged sword. If anybody said yes, it left him open to the charge that he lived in a dangerous delusion about how markets worked and was unfit to hold whatever post he had filled. In other words, he had written his own dismissal. If he said no, then he was open to the even more serious charge that he, with others, knowingly misled the entire investing public and was presumably guilty of criminal negligence, conspiracy to defraud, and who knows what else.

Bejski's "why didn't you do anything" question was equally dangerous. Anyone claiming that they did do something obviously had to prove just what and when, and almost inevitably this led to a contention that "despite my efforts, they failed because of the opposition or foot-dragging of so-and-so or such-and-such an institution or group or vested interest." This was the old buck-passing routine all over again.

If, on the other hand, the response was, "I didn't do anything because I didn't know/didn't think it was important/couldn't be bothered" or any reason, that was as good a confession of incompetence as could be sought.

Faced with these quandaries, the bankers fudged, the bureaucrats dodged and the administrators shuffled papers. "We initiated such-and-such a move," they would say, "and then we waited to see the response of the other parties involved."

"You waited, huh?" Bejski would say, with barely-concealed disdain. "How long? A few months? Half a year? A year — or two years? This thing went on for years, and nobody did anything except wait." And then would come either a snorted "Waiting for Godot," which was said mostly to himself, since Bejski correctly assumed that few very persons in the makeshift courtroom knew who Godot, or Samuel Beckett, was; or

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out loud and for the benefit of the gallery, something like "Perhaps you were waiting for the Messiah."

TODAY, on the eve of the first anniversary of the opening session of the inquiry on March 17 the financial community — and in many respects, the country as a whole — is waiting for Bejski. It may be recalled that the main hearings finished at the end of May, and the commission then summarily dismissed a move by Banks Leumi and Discount to undermine its legal validity as far as investigating them went (the High Court of Justice was even more rude to the banks when they took their case there, forcing them to pay hefty costs so that injury was added to insult.)

On June 18, the commission sent its warning letters (see below) to those persons and institutions it felt might be damaged by its findings, and these "warnings" then prepared their rebuttals of the points on which they had been warned. This second stage of the proceedings could have been even longer than the three months taken up by evidence-gathering. In the event, however, hardly anybody chose to call extra witnesses, so that the "second round" began and ended quickly in September.

But the great majority of the "warnings" did make use of their right to present written defences, sometimes heavily documented and running to hundreds of pages, and many of them sent their attorneys to deliver verbal summaries of their defence as well. All this took until mid-November of last year, after which there remained the small matter of writing the final report.

From then until now, the five commission members — Bejski, Zylar, Sarnat and Prof. Ze'ev Hirsch and Daniel Friedman of Tel Aviv University have slogged away separately and together, at the broad range of topics and the vast mass of material which their formal brief encompassed.

This brief, from the Knesset's State Control Committee, instructed the commission to "investigate all the facts and factors which brought about the regulation of the bank shares, from the beginning of the regulation until the crisis in these

shares that occurred in October 1983." The commission was also told to take into account the report of the state comptroller on the subject and its recommendations.

All this has been done. We are now waiting for the implementation of the last sentence of the commission's instructions: "The commission is requested to draw conclusions and to give recommendations on the subject of the investigation."

The main indication so far of the commission's general attitude, has been the number and content of the warnings it issued last June. The warnings are fixed into inquiry commission proceedings under section 15 of the Inquiry Commission Law of 1968. The Bejski Commission broke new legal ground by warning corporate bodies and institutions as well as individuals. In all, 16 persons and 11 "entities" were warned, according to the following five groups:

Eight commercial banks and six executives who stood at their heads, were warned on no less than 12 different counts covering a broad range of issues involving the bank-share regulation. The banks are: IDB Bankholding and its banking subsidiary, Israel Discount Bank, along with the chairman of them both, Raphael Recanat; Bank Leumi and its subsidiary Union Bank, both chaired by Ernst Japhet; United Mizrahi Bank and its subsidiary, Finance and Trade Bank, with their chief executive officer, Aharon Meir; Bank Hapoalim and that bank's past and present managing directors, Ephraim Reiner and Giora Gazit; and the small Israel General Bank and its former managing director, David Shoham.

The banks were told they were liable to be found to have "systematically intervened.... in trading in their own securities with the aim that these securities should give their owners a positive yield over the rate of inflation.... This intervention was carried out in a manner which impinged on the regular and orderly trading on the exchange, without regard to the supply and demand in the market that would have existed without the intervention and also without regard to the underlying economic value of the securities."

Additional warnings included improper use of their power as market-makers of their own shares; using their own capital to buy their shares to the point of endangering their stability; giving loans to customers specifically

to buy their shares; giving improper advice; disregarding central bank instructions regarding these points; and not publishing full and accurate information about the regulation system in their prospectuses.

They were also warned on the topics of abuse of their status as managers and trustees of mutual and provident funds and abuse of their dominant role on the board of the Stock Exchange to prevent reforms aimed at ending or limiting the regulation system. Each bank's board of directors was warned that it did not fulfil its duties in all these regards, while the top man in each bank, as noted, received personal warnings as to his direct responsibility.

The Bank of Israel, its past and present governors and examiners of banks, were served six institutional warnings and a variety of personal ones. In essence, these pointed to sins of omission — the national bank had too little knowledge of what was going on, did too little about it and failed to use its powers to intervene before it was too late. It also failed to get its act together with the Treasury. The governors were warned regarding personal responsibility for these failures, while the previous examiner of banks was warned for failure on the operational level. The present incumbent in that post, who arrived on the scene only at the end of 1982, got away with a single warning about "not having taken sufficiently energetic steps."

The Treasury itself was not warned, but former finance ministers Yoram Arian and Yigael Hurvitz and their senior aides were all warned for lack of awareness, failure to collect information, assess it and act on it, and failure to prepare contingency plans against a possible collapse in the regulation system. This is the area in which the commission touches on politics, politicians and the Treasury's overall economic management.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and its former chairman (who stepped down last month) were warned for failing to introduce fair and orderly rules of trading, accepting the banks' intervention, and allowing the partisan approach of the banks' representatives to go unchallenged.

The Securities Authority was warned for organizational shortcomings, failing to share or pass on information it had collected, and failure to use the powers bestowed on it by law. In contradistinction to



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the Treasury, at the Authority only the institution was warned, without the persons who headed it at various times being singled out.

THE WIDE RANGE of the warnings gives an indication of the scope of the commission's inquiry, although the relative concentration of some areas — notably the commercial banks — may be misleading. The fact that the commission, to judge by such details as are known of the warnings it issued, found more at fault with the banks than elsewhere, does not necessarily mean that the thrust of its report will be in their direction.

In this connection, it is worth distinguishing between the commission's dual role — to publish conclusions and recommendations. Its conclusions would seem to be focused on the banks, the Bank of Israel and the Stock Exchange, in that order. These conclusions are expected to be both personal and institutional, meaning that the report will pin guilt for specific actions and inactions not only on individuals who held certain posts, but also on the corporate or other bodies they headed.

Having reached conclusions, the commission is expected to recommend action to back them up. As the public sees it, this is a straightforward process: So-and-so did such-and-such, therefore give them the boot. This approach, however valid and even laudable when supported by weighty evidence, is very simplistic.

If the commission is serious about its job, and if it seeks to make a lasting contribution to the financial system, it will have to face the most basic facts. These are that the whole establishment, both in and out of government, was involved either

actively or passively in what the state comptroller rightly described as "financial adventurism" of the crudest kind, based on a "manipulative regulation" that was devoid of any normal economic logic outside of the Israeli "Wonderland."

This lunacy took on larger and larger proportions until it exploded in the faces of its creators, threatening to destroy the economic base of the country — a threat that was headed off only by the substitution of the "arrangement" for the "regulation," which many analysts feel is a net worsening of the situation.

Such a scheme, running for years and encompassing so many people and institutions, cannot be viewed as the personal caprice of a few bankers and administrators. If the forthcoming Bejski report stops at the personal level, it will have succeeded in pandering to the understandable lust for revenge that many Israelis feel against the financial Pharos who led them into the Red Sea and a very cold bath.

It may even succeed in striking a blow on behalf of the concepts of managerial responsibility and the accountability of office-holders in public companies as well as state entities.

But it will still have failed in the wider sense if it passes up the opportunity to publish both conclusions and recommendations on the underlying issues — the abuse of power by executives elected by no one and answerable to nobody; the collective failure of the civil service to report to, analyse for and advise the government; and the conscious decision of successive governments to adopt the pose of the model of the three monkeys; hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil.

## Bank of Israel's foot is still on the brake

PURSE STRINGS / David Krivine

THE BANK of Israel is being praised and blamed at one and the same time. It is blamed for keeping interest rates high and making life harder for the borrower.

It is praised — most recently by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) — for courting unpopularity. I took the matter up with Victor Medina, head of the bank's monetary department.

He expresses the dilemma graphically. Israel in the grip of inflation is like a car speeding down a steep slope. Two sets of brakes are applied to slow it down, the budgetary and the monetary.

If the Treasury presses its pedal hard enough, that is, reduced the budget by a sufficient amount, the

car will slow down without any need of the monetary brake.

If the Treasury does not press hard enough, then the central bank must press its own brake harder and restrict credit.

The public hates both brakes. It hates paying more taxes (or suffering cuts in the services), and it hates paying higher interest rates. A plague, it tells the Treasury and the bank, on both your houses.

THAT IS ALL very well, but is the car still careening downhill? Inflation, I invite Medina to notice, has

been checked. High interest rates were tolerable when inflation raged, because they were not really high, being eroded by the price rise.

Since last October things have changed. With prices now stable, high interest rates are no longer eroded and are this time really high. By keeping its foot on the brake, isn't the Bank of Israel doing more harm than good?

Medina accuses me (changing the metaphor) of putting the car before the horse. Why did prices stop rising? Because interest rates were high. Had the bank yielded to popular clamour and made credit cheap, inflation would have taken hold again, nullifying the whole of the economic recovery programme.

I feel argumentative. What about business firms, I ask. Can they survive when credit is so expensive? They mostly do, Medina points out. Where there is hardship the cause is mismanagement; though high interest rates can be a catalyst. Short-term loans, he stresses, are for working capital. The firms in trouble are those that took them for purposes other than working capital.

The average undertaking, he goes on, carries a mixture of loans, not all of them equally costly. Export credit



Victor Medina, head of the Bank of Israel's monetary department

is cheap at 0.8 per cent a month. Loans can be had in dollars for 2.8 per cent which — when converted into shekels — is, let us say, acceptable.

ONLY WHAT are called "general shekel loans" (less than half the total) are expensive, some might say outrageously so at 5 per cent per month, or 80 per cent per year.

That was the monthly average rate for February. Since then the interest has gone down to 4 per cent and was further reduced yesterday to 3.1 per cent.

Reductions have totalled 10 since last summer. The first was from 20.5 to 18.5 per cent (a month!) on July 25. "We had to do it step by step," Medina explains.

Why all this caution when labour and other costs (such as fuel) have obligingly dropped? "True, but there have been inflationary pressures as well."

"A month after the last devaluation, \$1 billion was converted into

shekels. We mopped that up through open-market operations and other means — which push up interest rates."

"The American dollar has been repeatedly devalued and the shekel, being linked to the dollar, is devalued with it. That makes imports dearer." Also, as the IMF points out, wages have gone up once again.

Its latest report, released this week, urges the bank to keep up restraints. "We believe," the fund states, "there is now little scope for reducing interest rates further."

Medina agrees. "Inflation is not truly over as long as prices are controlled. If they remain stable after controls are removed, we shall gladly take our foot off the monetary brake." He would plainly like nothing better.

**Robbing our children**

The dry sunny weather we are having will force the government to cut the nation's water supply by 10 to 15 per cent this year. Experts in the field say that one year's drought is not significant, the problem is for 10 years at least. The cut in quotas should not be for one year, it should be forever.

Our sin is to consume 200 million cubic metres of water more per annum than is supplied from the heavens. Reason: the government subsidizes the price of water. Who says that is the reason? The state

budget for 1986 says it is, in the policy analysis appended to the financial tables.

The present situation is crazy. The amount of water we have available without running an overdraft is 1,675 cubic metres. In 1985 we consumed 1,883m, and this year the figure will be 1,935m. (unless the cut is applied).

Our built-up deficit accumulated up to now comes to 2,000 cubic metres. We have subtracted from our reserves an amount exceeding one whole year's rainfall.

We are deliberately and shamelessly stealing an essential commodity from our children, who will inherit a reduced water resource which will also have been damaged through chemical pollution and salination. We choose to make life easy for ourselves at their expense.

OFFICIALLY the subsidy comes to \$50m. a year. In fact it is three times as great, because \$1.2b. has been invested in water installations, and not an agora of depreciation is covered in the selling-price of water. The average price that farmers pay for their supplies is nine U.S. cents per cubic metre.

The true cost is three times that. The subsidy, if we include amortization costs of the water system, is double the selling price (17.5 cents per cubic metre).

Since this key output is made artificially cheap, demand for it is artificially inflated. Farmers grow crops which by rights ought not to be grown, because, if the true cost is counted, they are not profitable.

Cotton, for example, is (according to the State Budget) a loss-making

branch, even when the cultivators think they are making a profit. The position is worse still when prices abroad are bad, as they are now; that is when cotton farmers find themselves in the red despite the water subsidy.

Meanwhile the level of Lake Galilee has dropped — that is visible. Less visible is what happens underground. Our coastal aquifer should be above sea-level, so that the flow-direction is from land to sea.

In fact the water table has dropped below sea-level, and the pressure is in the contrary direction. Sea water is penetrating into the aquifer. Slowly salination has begun.

Nitrates pollute the water system (notably in the Rehovot-Rishon area) because instead of treating our sewage we pour it untreated into filtration pits. Chemical fertilizers cause damage, too.

**Gay street signs**

Walking in our neighbourhood I come across surprising eccentricities. Once our main avenue was called "Herzetz Boulevard" or some such spelling. Happily that has been corrected.

My own road is labelled "Ha-Halutz" instead of "He-Halutz". The Hebrew is correctly marked with a segol, but the English-language title is given with a patah (English version).

Around the corner I encounter a road called Ha-Gai. The road sign still bears that legend. Right by it a new illuminated plaque supersedes the familiar lettering with a modernized text. It proclaims the existence of "Rehov Ha-Gay."

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8.15 p.m. Prof. D. ELAZAR, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and Bar-Ilan U.; Local Government of the Rurban Cybernetic Frontier.

March 18, 8.15 a.m. Session A: Local Government Between Central Level Dominance and Local Autonomy. Dr. F. LAZIN, BGU, Chair; Prof. F. BRUUN, U. of Aarhus, Denmark; Prof. E. W. KELLEY, Cornell U., USA; Prof. J. GIDLUND, U. of Umea, Sweden; Prof. T. THOMPSON, Western Michigan U., USA; Dr. R. ALTERMAN, Technion.

1.00 p.m. Session B: Changing Patterns of Local Services via a vis Fiscal Constraints and Social Needs. Prof. H. WOLLMANN, Freie U., Berlin, Chair; Prof. J. LIGHTBODY, U. of Alberta, Canada; Dr. D. WALKER, U. of Winnipeg, Canada; Dr. B. GIDRON, BGU; Dr. A. MEIR, BGU; Dr. Y. ATZMON, Van Leer Institute.

3.30 p.m. Session C: (Re)politicization of the Local Level; Grass Roots, Social Movements and Protest. Prof. E. TURGOVNIK, Tel Aviv U., Chair; Dr. S. HASSON, Hebrew U., and BGU; Prof. S. KREFFETZ, Clark U., USA; Prof. D. THIRANHART, U. of Munster, FRG; Dr. PAUL KING, Jerusalem Institute for Public Affairs.

6 p.m. Visit to a kibbutz; supper, followed by presentation by Dr. D. BARON, BGU.

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MARKET  
PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

The shadow  
of the  
convention

This column is not concerned with politics as such, because the market-place does not trade in politics. It does, however, pay close attention to political developments.

The Herut convention was therefore an event of no little relevance to that amorphous thing called "the business community." The fact is that the overwhelming majority of business people in Israel, at least at senior levels, voted against the Likud in 1984, primarily because they regarded that party as responsible for the destruction of large sections of the economy and precipitating a severe crisis.

Nevertheless, these people, who coalesce into "the market," where their individual ideas and feelings are submerged, are well aware that Herut is the dominant part of the Likud, and that the Likud is the joint-largest party in the country. It is the past, and if the rotation goes through, the future party of government and therefore what happens in it and to it matters to everyone.

Against this background the reactions—expressing sadness, anger and shame—that were heard yesterday in business circles have to be understood. People were speaking as impersonal businessmen, bankers and brokers, rather than as politically-oriented citizens.

"I feel very bad, very sad, about what I saw and heard," said one senior executive. He continued, to make his point crystal clear, "Don't get me wrong. I hate their guts and they make me sick. But in a democracy each major party has to be ready to take power at any time. These people have shown they're not fit to do so, and that's extremely depressing."

There is an internal and an external aspect to this reasoning. Internally, the fact that Herut is tearing itself apart, and openly to boot, is extremely destabilizing. The prospect of a smooth rotation is lessened and the likelihood of elections increased. All this means (even more) uncertainty and that is the most hateful thing for the market. Worse, maybe, than the prospect of David Levy or Arlik Sharon as leader and then maybe prime minister.

Last month, the Labour Party—in the opinion of the market—welshed on its own economic programme by prematurely loosening the tight reins and thereby signalling that the austerity was fading and a mini-boom beginning. That was bad enough.

Now, however, the Likud—which last month was in the position of protector of the economy—has made every effort to show that it is a party of ruffians, led by self-seekers and without any concern for the future of the economy. Faced with this, Israeli businessmen quail, because they see a return to the economic anarchy of 1983-1985 as imminent.

Even more serious, the market knows that the Herut convention received ample coverage abroad. They know that the foreign markets, the people they do business with, will be appalled.

The reaction will be, "if that's the kind of people who are going to run your country—and we know what they did last time—then we'll have to treat you accordingly."

The rabble can be told that that's anti-Semitism, and that the goyim are all against us. Not at all. It's just plain business talk. "Sophisticated people call it 'country risk,'" and some even try and measure it. On the Richter scale, or whatever they use, we moved up a few notches this week.

Jailed for 2½ years  
in \$1m. Bezek fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim).—One of two men accused of defrauding the Bezek company of \$1 million was found guilty yesterday by the Tel Aviv District Court and sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison.

Rafael Koenig, together with Yitzhak Yimom, was charged with stealing Bezek cheque-books, cashing the cheques for various shekel amounts, converting the money to dollars, and transferring it abroad.

The operation was uncovered when a bank clerk became suspicious over the large amount drawn on one of the cheques.

The sentence was the result of plea bargaining whereby Koenig returned \$250,000 to the state. Yimom has denied the charges.

## Leumi finally lowers loan charges

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter  
TEL AVIV.—Bank Leumi yesterday belatedly joined the other banks in reducing interest rates on overdrafts and business credit. All the banks have now lined up on a new prime rate for top-quality borrowers of 1.25 per cent a month, and each bank bases its other rates on this key rate.

Leumi's reluctance to lower its rates was an extreme version of the view of all the banks that the current round of falls in borrowing costs was premature and, in fact, unnecessary. Even Hapoalim, which had been the first to move downward, as a response to the pressure exerted by the central bank, did so under protest.

The banks are operating under conditions of liquidity deficit, meaning that they have to borrow shekels from the "credit window" at the Bank of Israel. This shortage of shekels is the result, it is claimed, of massive withdrawals of deposits by the public, as bank account interest rates are no longer attractive.

There is special irony in the fact that Leumi chose to hang back with its announcement, since it was Leumi that had led the way down for interest rates in the period between July and November. At that time, the Bank of Israel sought to slow the rate of decline, and Leumi, believing the level of rates to be too high, even moved unilaterally on one or two occasions. Now the roles have been reversed.

The new level of rates among the different banks is as follows: The prime rate will, as noted, be 1.25 per cent everywhere. The actual rate paid by different borrowers is usually higher, and will generally be around 2 per cent, for the sums authorized to each borrower. Borrowings above the authorized amount will be charged at "excess" rates.

The excess rate will be 1 per cent above the basic rate at Leumi and Hapoalim, and 1.25 per cent at Dis-

count, Mizrahi and First International. Thus the total cost of unauthorized borrowing will be at least 2.5 per cent, and more usually about 3-3.5 per cent. (Remember, all rates used here are monthly).

For personal accounts all the banks now have personal overdraft schemes, and the costs here have also been reduced, with effect immediately. At Leumi, a personal overdraft of up to NIS 1,500 will cost 2.25 per cent. Withdrawals above this figure will cost an additional, or excess, 1.25 per cent.

At Hapoalim, an overdraft of up to NIS 500, available automatically to all salary-earners, will cost 2 per cent. However, overrunning this limit will cost a further 2 per cent. Customers with a personal overdraft of up to NIS 1,500 will pay 2.25 per cent on the whole amount. Exceeding the NIS 1,500 or NIS 2,000 limit will cost an extra 1.75 per cent above

the basic rate. Discount also has a split-level overdraft system. Up to NIS 500 will cost 2.25 per cent and amounts up to NIS 2,000 will cost progressively more for each marginal increase, up to 3.25 per cent for the NIS 1,500-2,000 band.

This is different from Hapoalim's band system, in which the rate for the whole amount is determined by the ceiling the customer asks for, not the amount he actually overdraws.

Mizrahi doesn't announce the cost of its personal overdrafts, except to say that the lowest rate will be 2.25 per cent. How much each customer pays is haggled out between the customer and his branch manager.

First International offers overdrafts up to NIS 1,500 at 2.25 per cent. Going over this limit will cost an extra 0.75 per cent, the lowest "excess" rate in the system.

Overdraft addicts, please note.

## Gefilte fish supply in danger

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA.—It is only six weeks to Passover—and a shortage of the traditional gefilte fish for the Seder table, looms. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday, Passover and New Year's are the peak marketing periods for carp, from which the gefilte fish dish is made.

The secretary of the Fish Breeders Union, Amnon Levin, told The Post that the price freeze has caused breeders considerable losses. Many kibbutzim no longer feel it worthwhile to breed carp. They are likely to keep the fish in the ponds for better days and plan to cut down their turnover, which could result in serious shortages next year.

He said that the Agriculture Ministry has approved a price rise, but that the Treasury refuses to ratify it.

Levin stressed that housewives be-

nefit only from the freeze on carp, whose price is controlled at the retail level as well as for the producers. The other pond fish, St. Peter's, grey mullets and silver carp, are controlled only at the production level. Retailers charge what the market will bear, so that the freeze leaves the consumer out in the cold.

Meanwhile, the first swarm of about 1,000 pelicans has arrived in the country on its way back to Europe after hibernating in Africa, and the birds are voraciously free-loading from the fish ponds.

Last autumn, the big birds stayed here for a long time due to the extended Indian summer and picked an estimated \$150,000 worth of fish out of the ponds. Now, they have come back early, apparently due to the unusually warm weather here, and unless Europe warms up quickly, they are likely to stay on for some time, feasting on the ponds.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:		Turnovers:		4.25% fully-linked		Rises to 2%	
General Share Index	113.62 -0.13%	Shares—total	NIS 13,171,200	80% linked	20%	Rises to 0.5%	
Non-Bank Index	132.26 -0.51%	Arrangement	NIS 3,467,900	90% linked	10%	Stable	
Arrangement	105.25 +0.10%	Non-bank	NIS 9,703,300	Double-linked	0%	Slight rises	
Insurance	145.39 -3.47%	Bonds—total	NIS 6,453,000	Dollar-linked	0%		
Commerce, Services	125.50 +0.44%	Index-linked	NIS 3,330,200	Admon	Mixed to 1%		
Real Estate	158.61 -0.21%	Dollar-linked	NIS 3,122,800	Rimon	Mixed to 1%		
Industrials	124.42 -0.54%	Treasury Bills	NIS 2,905,100	Gilboa	Mixed to 1%		
Textiles	150.47 -2.15%	Share Movements:		For. Curr.	denominated	Stable	
Metals	117.52 +0.44%	Advances	107 (282)	Treasury Bill	(monthly yield)	1.23% to 1.61%	
Electronics	108.01 -0.20%	of which 5% +	26 (96)	Arrangement yields:			
Chemicals	118.80 -0.34%	"buyers only"	7 (27)	IDB ord.	11.61%		
Industrial Invest.	134.39 -0.47%	Declines	188 (31)	Union 0.1	11.35%		
Investment Cos.	142.87 -0.41%	of which 5% -	59 (6)	Discount A	11.85%		
General Bond Index	100.24 +0.22%	"sellers only"	26 (1)	Mizrahi r.	11.58%		
Index-linked Bonds	100.20 +0.25%	Unchanged	100 (81)	Hapoalim r.	11.47%		
Fully-linked	101.62 +0.22%	Trading Halt	45 (48)	General A	10.99%		
Partially-linked	98.29 +0.27%	Bond Market Trends:		Leumi stock	11.55%		
Dollar-linked Bonds	98.79 +0.14%	Index-linked	3% fully-linked	Fin. Trade 1	9.99%		
Short-term 0-2 yrs.	98.79 +0.23%						
Medium-term 2-5 yrs.	98.86 +0.18%						
Long-term 5+ yrs.	100.09 +0.36%						

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%
"00NIS change			
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1228	5630	+3.4
General non-arr.	32200	278	-8.8
First Int'l	3759	6243	-1.3
FIBI	3995	7179	-
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB r.	80150	486	-
Union 0.1	60000	148	-0.3
Discount	101700	594	+1.0
Mizrahi	33000	1070	-0.2
Hapoalim	54600	783	-
General A	141215	6	-0.1
Leumi 0.1	47080	11	+1.3
Fin. Trade	47700	1	+1.1
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi Mort. r.	4640	391	-3.1
Dev. Mort.	1090	1380	+0.9
Mishkan r.	2100	1177	-7.1
Tefahot r.	12232	80	-
Merav r.	2517	4630	+7.7
Financial Institutions			
Agri. C	32000	5	+3.2
Ind. Dev. DD	no trading		
Clal Leasing 0.1	8545	120	+0.0
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r.	4120	288	-3.5
Hassneh r.	3085	9387	-
Phoenix 0.1	1471	s.o.t.	-5.0
Hamelmar	6200	45	-8.8
Menorah 1	6800	78	-4.7
Salor r.	4070	6	-
Zion Hold. 1	13300	2	-
Trade & Services			
Meir Expt	4480	90	-2.6
Supersol 2	4408	2286	-
Delek f.	4875	8963	-
Lighthouse	9850	148	-
Cold Storage	1200	775	-8.3
Dan Hotels	3698	219	+0.0
Yarden Hotel	3623	1959	+15.0
Hilon 1	14500	26	-
Team 1	1706	1202	-
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Asorim	4200	2453	-1.2
Elion	1150	1464	-4.2
Africa Int. 0.1	40000	288	-
Deniker	3700	183	+2.7
Prop. & Bldg.	2910	5074	-
Bayvada 0.1	4510	171	+2.3
ILDC r.	47400	597	+1.1
Rasoco r.	6380	59	+5.0
Mahadrin	11500	300	-
Hadarim	1302	5309	+2.0
Industrials			
Dubak b	3440	1053	-
Pri-Ze 1	2439	660	-10.0
Sunfrost	5830	200	-0.9
Elite	16857	1270	+2.4
Adgar	750	8229	-6.8
Argaman r.	8300	822	-3.0
Delta G 1	4920	646	-2.0
Maquette 1	24000	—	-
Eagle 1	10810	108	-
Polgat 0.1	9110	953	0.7
Schoellarin	14300	290	-7.7
Rogovin	3520	1378	-5.0
Ordon 0.1 r.	11580	58	-
Is. Can Co. 1	1080	5259	-
Zion Cable	2248	1028	-2.2
Pector Steel	5400	541	+13.2
Elbit 3 r.	430000	23	-
Elron	374500	17	+1.8
Air			
Clal Electronics	32850	406	-4.1
Spectronic 1	2965	3589	-0.2
T.A.T. 1	4000	268	-4.8
Adkstein 1	1400	10	-5.4
Agan 5	18216	105	-
Alliance	1327	s.o.t.	-5.0
Debor	3450	43	-1.4
Fertilizer	5785	68	-5.0
Haifa Chem.	940	7077	-2.2
Teva r.	53100	137	-
Dead Sea r.	14455	1788	-
Petrochem.	388	24634	-0.8
Nase Chem.	3487	200	+2.9
Frutaron	8261	h.o.t.	+5.0
Hadera Paper	191500	123	-
Central Trade	6850	559	-0.9
Koor p.	5300000	0	-0.9
Clal Inds.	1620	21083	-
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r.	4070	2183	-
Elion	3100	227	+2.6
Alit 1	no trading		
Galelet	1350	271	-10.0
Israel Corp. 1	7013	s.o.t.	-1.0
Wolfson 1 r.	66500	1	+5.5
Hapoalim Inv.	4680	858	-0.9
Leumi Invest.	5398	950	+0.1
Discount Invest.	2403	8967	-
Mizrahi Invest.	12607	185	-
Clal 10	2700	2330	-
Londoco 0.1	6200	30	-
Pama 0.1	10000	582	-
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	11580	216	-1.0
J.O.E.L.	1205	2340	-4.4

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## Israel Money Markets March 13, 1986

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PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	13.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13 %
HAPAOALIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	13.3	2-13%	7-13%	9-13 %
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-19%	12-20%	12-18 %
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13 %

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(Tapes: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
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## PATAH—FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 13)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.750	6.750	6.075
STG	10.750	10.375	10.000
DMK	3.750	3.750	3.750
SFR	3.250	3.250	3.125
YEN	3.875	3.750	3.750

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

## SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS		BANKNOTES		BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
		Purchase	Sale	Purchase	Sale	
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1.4702	1.4886	1.52	
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	2.1381	2.1559	2.21	2.1589
GERMANY	MARK	1	0.6445	0.6526	0.64	0.6477
FRANCE	FRANC	1	0.2093	0.2119	0.20	0.2106
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	0.5705	0.5776	0.56	0.5739
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	0.7633	0.7729	0.75	0.7678
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	0.2016	0.2041	0.20	0.2030
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.2041	0.2066	0.20	0.2052
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.1739	0.1761	0.17	0.1752
FINLAND	MARK	1	0.2846	0.2882	0.28	0.2865
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.0520	1.0652	1.04	1.0584
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## Herut ideology in action

FOR THE FIRST time since the conclusion of the coalition agreement between the Alignment and the Likud, eighteen months ago, the rotation of the premiership from Shimon Peres to Yitzhak Shamir is truly in doubt. And the reason is not any expected decision by Labour's chairman to break, on some flimsy pretext, his pledge of the succession to Herut's non-chairman, but Herut's own refusal to deposit the necessary formal trust in the man who has led it — and the entire Likud — since the retirement of Menachem Begin.

This was in effect admitted by Mr. Shamir himself shortly before his party's convention blew up, early Thursday morning, in a vile and violent orgy of mutual insults and recriminations between the chiefs of the contending Herut factions and their followers.

Replying to a query by a television reporter, Mr. Shamir made it quite plain that he would not serve in governmental office without having obtained his party's support. In other words, unless the central committee due to be chosen by the convention appointed him chairman, in succession to Mr. Begin, he would decline to take over from Mr. Peres next October, leaving it to the Labour leader to take the political initiative. The rotation accord would thus become inoperative.

The — for once — wrathful Mr. Shamir doubtless meant this as a warning to his bellicose rivals David Levy and Ariel Sharon, tactically united for the moment in an effort to take the party over, that they must close ranks behind him or face the consequences. The warning may yet be heeded. The convention may be called back into session in a few weeks time so as to enable the bullboys on both sides to shake hands again, declare a truce — which would last at least until after the rotation — and proclaim Mr. Shamir chairman.

Or else, Mr. Shamir, whose capacity to absorb offence is proverbial, may decide that so long as the reassembled convention does not openly prefer Mr. Levy over him, he will stay on as Herut's, and the Likud's, anointed leader. On which basis he would demand the rotation from Mr. Peres.

That would pose a serious dilemma for Mr. Peres. The coalition agreement makes no provision for the case in which Mr. Shamir ceases to be his party's effective leader, either for physical or for political reasons. Mr. Peres cannot himself make an issue of the succession within Herut if the party's convention is simply put off until after October. But if the convention is resumed without bringing about Mr. Shamir's elevation to the chairmanship, this would be tantamount to his repudiation as Herut's leader. And to his disqualification as the country's next premier.

Another question which Mr. Peres and his party colleagues must now ponder is whether Herut, as revealed in the circus — Mr. Shamir's word — that was the convention, is a fit partner in government except during wartime. The whole nation has now observed Herut's vaunted internal democracy emerge as nothing better than oligarchy — mob rule, in simple English — when not held in check by some overbearing personality. This is not a matter to be lightly dismissed.

For how can a political party be considered fit to govern, or even half-govern a nation when its top leaders charge one another — and with apparent justice — as being power-mad, liars, vote riggers, megalomaniacs and, in all, criminals? How can a political party in Israel fail to arouse revulsion when one of its leaders suggests that the way to handle it is the way he treated the Egyptians in leading the army across the Suez Canal, and the followers of another berate as traitors and fifth-columnists their comrades who, although they too are Sephardim, backed the candidacy of an Ashkenazi?

It would be a mistake for the Labour Alignment to appear too eager to exploit Herut's discomfiture to its own immediate advantage. But the Wednesday night and Thursday morning horror show at the Herut convention must not be allowed to fade from the national memory.

The brute force displayed almost from its start to its disorderly finish — not least the last minute mini-putsch attempted by Sharon aide-de-camp David Magen — was no aberration, as some Herut apologists have been suggesting: on the contrary, it seems to represent the true essence of political methods inspired by Herut ideology.

On reflection, it would seem that any deep discussion of the party's ideology at this convention would have been superfluous.

## RASBURKA

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These questions, said the Foreign Ministry spokesman, do not appear to be appropriately covered, or covered at all in the material so far submitted.

The spokesman declined to say whether Israel would demand further clarifications from Egypt. Israeli officials, however, have for months said that Israel could not realistically hope to receive a full-fledged report from Egypt about the massacre, as that would be regarded by the Egyptians as self-abasement.

The officials explained that Egypt's leaders, highly embarrassed by the incident, know that the behaviour of Khater's fellow soldiers, and of the whole Egyptian military structure along the Gulf of Eilat in the hours after the massacre, was highly inefficient and insensitive. Given Israel's status as a former enemy and Israel's open society, which would have assured immediate publication of all the details, turning over such documentation would have been inconceivable in terms of Egyptian national pride, said officials.

Israeli officials were yesterday extremely pleased with the progress

made in recent days in the field of normalizing trade ties between the two countries. They pointed to the success of the Israeli pavilion in the Cairo trade fair. The pavilion on Wednesday — declared "Israel Day" — attracted some 3,000 visitors: Israeli songs and music were broadcast for much of the day in the fair's open-air loudspeaker system; and a team of journalists from the leading Kuwaiti daily, *Al Sayassa*, visited the pavilion and interviewed Israeli officials and businessmen.

These things, coupled with the forthcoming Egyptian responses on trade and tourism matters at the Herzliya talks, are regarded as significant indications of Egyptian readiness to match progress on the Tabat compromise with concrete progress on normalization issues.

At yesterday's talks, Israel formally informed Egypt of Israel's readiness to allow the construction of a Coptic College extension in the Beit Hanina neighbourhood of Jerusalem. But Israel has not yet indicated how it intends to go about solving the issue of the Coptic claim to two chapels, currently held by the Ethiopian Church, in the Old City Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

## MISSING SOLDIER

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Manos, who had been in the Air Force, was last seen on the evening of November 6, 1984 at a hitchhiking station in Haifa. There had been no trace of him since then, until the arrest several days ago of a few terrorists in Dir Balut. Security authorities say the three confessed to the kidnapping and killing, and led them to the site of the killing, off a seldom-used road south of the West

Bank settlement of Elkana.

Based on information supplied by the suspects, security authorities say it appears that Manos hitched a ride as far as Ben-Gurion Airport, where the suspects picked him up. They then took him to a cave some four kilometres from their village, killed him and left his remains there.

Manos is to be buried at 12.30 today in the military section of the Petah Tikva cemetery.

# Dreamland economics

SHLOMO MAOZ

WE ARE in the east, but our hearts are in the west. Israelis dream of living like people in Western countries, particularly the United States. But in practice, the system in this country is still based on the principles used to reestablish Jewish settlement in Eretz Yisrael over 100 years ago. This is a fusion of "all Israelis are brothers" and a Soviet socialism run on slogans of private initiative.

Ostensibly, a dual system of free enterprise and competition operates side by side with a government and public economy. In reality, Israel resembles the Yugoslavian communist model more than that of the industrialized West, which Israel imagines itself part of. In contrast to the Eastern European model that prefers equality to quick growth, Israel is characterized by the worst of both worlds. The country is not able to choose one of them and instead of progressing, we are regressing like our neighbours, our enemies, even if not for the same reason.

The economic system in Israel is from the land of dreams, but it is financed by the land of unlimited possibilities — the U.S. According to this system, it is possible, in principle, only to make profit — on condition that you are big and wealthy. If the business is profitable, then the entrepreneur claims that the profit and the wealth is his due to the risk he took. If the firm fails, then the loss is the country's — that is, the honest taxpayers'. And it does not matter if the enterprise is private, public or belongs to the Histadrut.

**'At present the Americans are willing to cover the deficit...but the day may come when they get tired of shelling out money'**

In this system, the risk is almost zero. It is as if the largest insurance company in the world does not collect premiums on high-risk policies and still covers losses. To newcomers, the insurance company is the state of Israel.

EXAMPLES of Israeli foolishness are not lacking. As long as banks built many ornate branches and paid huge salaries to their ever-increasing staffs, and especially to their managers, the government did not intervene. The banks' managers pumped up the value of their stocks in such an exaggerated way that the government should have been increasing the capacity of the country's prisons at the same time; but it did not intervene. That is part of private enterprise in Israel. But the moment that the speculators' nakedness was exposed, the government's umbrella opened and it saved the rich — on the taxpayer's account.

In practice, they saved those who had gotten rich improperly, but told the public they were saving the elderly and widows. In this way, they entangled the government in debts that it cannot pay off, even if upcoming generations of Israelis work instead of being involved in *lufgeschech*. Apparently, the necessary condition for bringing off this sophisticated, despicable ploy is for the institution on the edge of collapse to be so big and so organically a part of the Israeli society and economy that its fall would shock the whole country.

Thus, Kupat Holim (the Histadrut's health fund) grew larger for years during a period which demanded greater efficiency, like in the Western ways to which we aspired. Instead of collecting members' fees through the National Insurance In-

stitute, the health fund employs hundreds of unnecessary workers using old-fashioned methods. Instead of becoming efficient and raising fees for medications or doctor's visits, the fund "taxed" its members through long queues and chronic shortages of medicines. Instead of improving services, it preferred to build more and more, even though it had long since run out of money.

This is the way the health fund, in which four out of five of Israelis are members, worked. It seems irresponsible, but actually, it is a sophisticated system, for any reasonable person knows that no Israeli government could allow such vital public health services to collapse. The system worked again. If the fund builds and expands and does not raise prices or membership fees, its managers can expand their power or at least conserve it. And if they fail or run into problems, they do not have to worry — the world's largest insurance company, in the guise of the Israeli government, will pay. (It is true that the shoddy policies of the Bank of Israel tripled or quadrupled the fund's problems due to high interest charges, but the basic errors were of the fund's managers.) Solei Boneh, which is another political fortress of the Labour Party insured by the state of Israel, is a similar story.

AS LONG as Elscint made money and its owners and managers profited, this was a private company, working in the dual economy, but as a private initiative. But the moment the company reached a crisis, the biggest insurance company intervened, paid and rescued the firm.

There are many other examples, like the completely unnecessary tractors that the moshavniks purchased in the subconscious knowledge that the insurance company would pay, or the kibbutzniks who operated in the grey market and enjoyed the rosy dreams of stock market speculators. Now they are asking the same "company" to rescue them from the sinking cotton market.

What the happy insured refuse to see is that the large and bold insurance company can also go broke. True, the company is still managing to pay its insured money they do not deserve, but there is no escaping the day of bankruptcy. The insurance company is still financing the payments from those who were not big enough to threaten bankruptcy and from the workers and salaried employees. But there is a limit to squeezing the taxpayers. At present, the Americans are willing to cover the deficit that still exists after the honest citizens pay their taxes, but the day may come when they will get tired of shelling out money and we will cease to be a strategic asset.

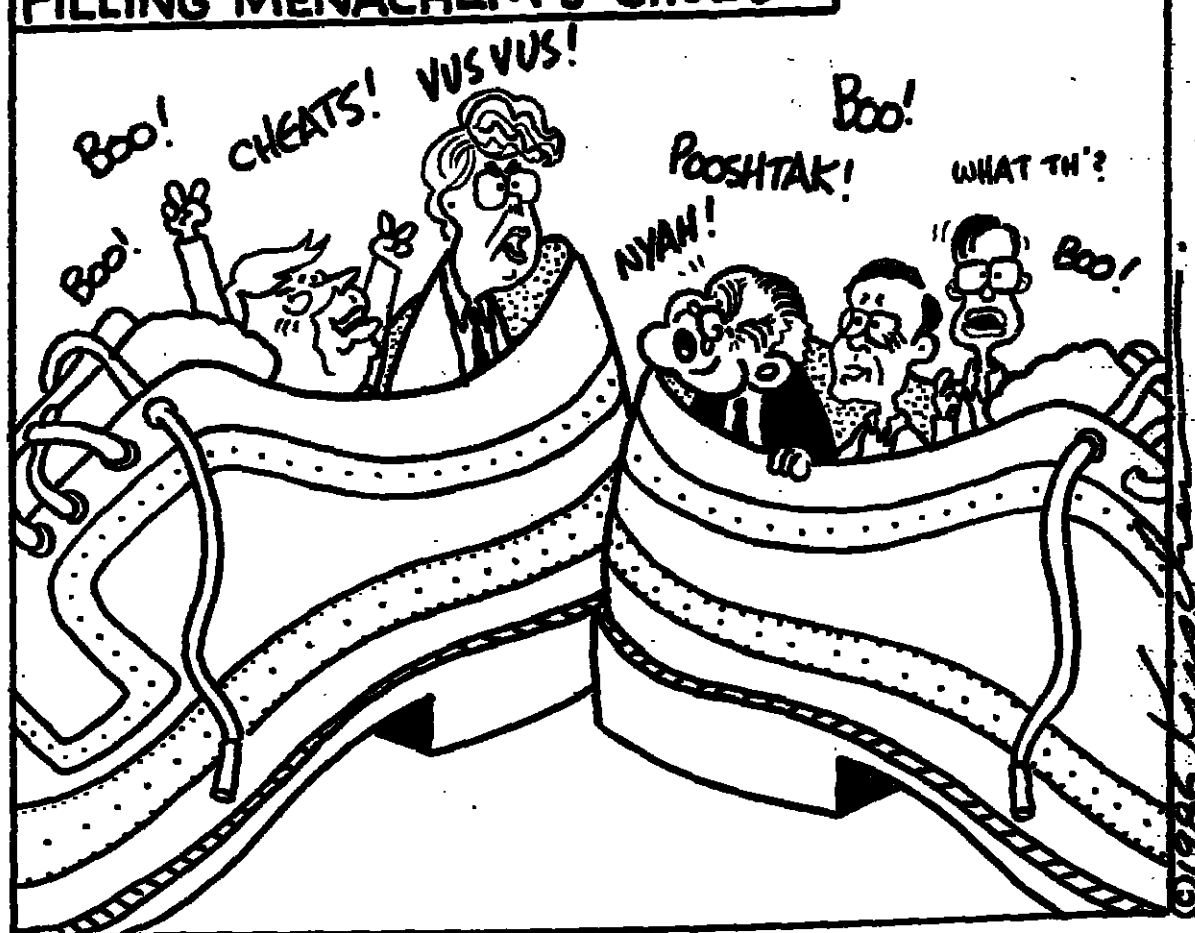
By definition, the insurance company will go bankrupt and not be able to pay the oppressive debts in the guise of government bonds, bank shares or pensions for the aged. As the years pass, the transactions that the government makes will diminish and it will become harder and harder to transfer money from the public to the banks, from the banks to the health funds and from the funds to the public at large — from whom the money and taxes were gathered to pay the banks to begin with. The government can postpone bankruptcy by using band aids, but the public's confidence in the future is diminishing and Israelis prefer only to live for today.

Thus it is no wonder that a Yugoslavian economy like ours — in which all the means of production, investment capital, savings and even risk have virtually been nationalized — is lacking new policy holders for that insurance company.

The writer is economic editor of The Jerusalem Post.

# The Friday Dry Bones

FILLING MENACHEM'S SHOES...



## READERS' LETTERS

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I was deeply disturbed by two recent articles in which elementary school teachers were described before the Knesset Education Committee by an Education Ministry supervisor, Dr. Moshe Granot, as poor students who had no chance of getting accepted to university and who were doomed if they tried to teach junior high or high school pupils. They were subsequently described by the head of the Secondary School Teachers Association, Shoshana Bayer, as being "not the kind of pupils that I would like to see becoming teachers."

The way to save the dignity and respect of the teaching profession, Ms. Bayer, is not by denigrating the ability and dedication of the elementary school teacher. The crucial role of the elementary and pre-school teacher in shaping the child's basic value system, as well as his/her outlook on life, has long been recognized by educators throughout the world. This is different, perhaps, from what is required of a high school teacher, but it is certainly not less important.

Preparation for the army and university, and an organized way of thinking and approaching problems do not begin in high school, as one veteran high school teacher implied. The groundwork is laid by our elementary and pre-elementary school teachers. These people, my colleagues and I, may or may not hold university degrees. However, we do hold one thing in common: untiring devotion to the well-being of our pupils.

We strongly resent the slander that has been heaped upon us in the interest of securing financial gains for high school teachers.

TAMAR EDRE'Y  
Gonen.

### ABANDONED BABIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to your article on abandoned babies, "Giving up all hope," in Today of March 2.

I work as a volunteer in the local hospital and have been a substitute parent for abandoned children left in hospitals. I worked with one baby for three months. I heard the doctor say almost every day that the baby had no future. Yet this child gave me and her foster family more love than anyone will ever know.

I think parents of handicapped babies should be taught to look below the surface and see God's beautiful gift to them.

VOLUNTEER  
(Name and address supplied.)  
Jerusalem.

### AVNERY'S VIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Lea Levan's telephone interview with Uri Avnery (March 9) was a good job. There is only one point of confusion which is liable to result in malicious interpretations on the part of those who object to peace.

According to the article, an apology from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to King Hussein would be a big step towards renewal of the political process. This view was quoted as if it represented Avnery's opinion; it does not. Avnery was merely repeating the views expressed by the Jordanian officials he met in Amman. They are not Avnery's views.

Immediately following the interview, Avnery flew to the U.S. where he will participate, together with Hanna Seniora, in a series of lectures.

He did not have time to write this letter himself and asked me to do it for him.

In his lectures in the U.S. and his meetings with American officials, Avnery will repeat his well-known opinion: it is impossible to make progress on the political front or to achieve peace in our region without recognizing the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and without the PLO's participation in the political process. The PLO, and no one else, must represent the Palestinian people at every stage of any process whose purpose is to solve the Palestinian problem.

HAIM HANEGBI,  
Secretary,  
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Tel Aviv.

### MEMORIES OF DUBLIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The picture of the Dublin Jewish Museum in your issue of February 26 brought memories of old Dublin days.

I was born in 4 Walworth Road where the museum is now. At that time, the Walworth Road Shul, as it was called, was situated next door at No. 3 and only much later were the two houses combined to make up the present museum.

As the bedrooms in No. 4 adjoined the shul, I remember my uncle, Mendy Alexander, who stayed with us in the '30s, telling me that, when they were short of one of the morning minyan, someone would knock sharply on the wall of his room and he was then expected to hop out of bed and report promptly with his *refillin*.

In rosy retrospect, life in Dublin seems to have been good for the young in those early '30s — we played cricket with the lamppost as wicket, stole fruit from orchards ("boxed the fox") and began learning about Palestine through Haborim.

I think all of us who came on aliva from Ireland look back on the Old Country with affection. To this day, my renderings of "Molly Malone" and "When Irish eyes are smiling" are received rapturously at family gatherings.

EMANUEL BROWN  
Tel Aviv.

### POPULATION REGISTRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to Rabbi Theodore Friedman's letter of January 21, "Conservative convert."

The procedure followed by the Ministry of Interior to register immigrant converts' religion in the population registry does not contravene the law on population registration. This procedure has been followed by the ministry for years. This has no relevance to Rabbi Friedman's remarks concerning what the former minister of interior, Dr. Burg, is supposed to have said.

The Ministry of Interior is not authorized to intervene in decisions of a rabbinical court, especially in the case described in the above-mentioned letter.

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